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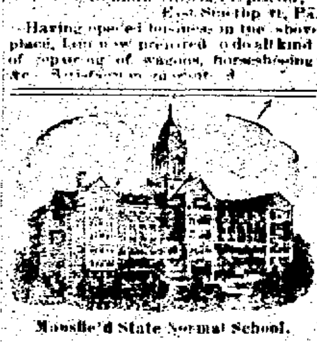

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By THE DUCHESS.

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Sometimes too hot the eye of heaven shines. Today proves it. Terrible is the strength of the rays that Old Sol is flinging broadcast upon the simmering earth. The tennis players have given in to it, and confessing themselves vanquished have flung their rackets to the winds and themselves into garden chairs or else prone upon the shaven lawn under the acacias according to their sex.

Two of them, however, have wandered rather far from the acacias and the tea tables and the tent, where better things than tea can be had for the asking. They have wandered into a little green space, shut out from a noisy world by rows and rows of hedges, all beech, on the north and south, and heavy rhododendrons on the two other sides. It is a little dream of a place, entered by one opening only, and that through the beeches.

"A sort of Arcadia, isn't it?" says Mr. Brooke, glancing up at his companion from his lounging position upon the grass at her feet.

"No," says she, with a little frown. She makes a charming picture, sitting here in the sunshine next the old sundial, with her hat lying on the ground beside her and the glinting rays from the glowing heavens throwing golden lights into her fine brown hair. Her eyes are blue and just at this moment a little angry. The mouth, too, so prone to laughter as a rule, has grown mutinous. Half child, half woman, she has not yet learned the more delicate shades of society's colors and lets her thoughts lie openly upon her lovely face.

"You are hard to please," says he, his eyes on hers. As a rule, his eyes are seldom anywhere else.

"Well, you are not!" returns she promptly.

From afar the thrum, thrum, thrum, of a banjo comes to them, breaking a stillness that is almost oppressive.

"That's the unkindest cut of all," says Mr. Brooke placidly. "It's rather a cut at Miss Morland, too, isn't it? I presume you allude to my engagement to her."

"You presume very wrongly, then. I was not thinking of Miss Morland. She ought to please. She is rich, young, handsome."

"Rich, yes."

"And handsome," persistently.

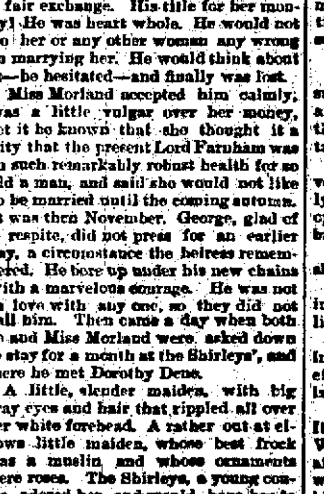
"Is she? Oh, yes, of course she is. A perfect Juno! Too perfect a Juno, perhaps."

"You shouldn't sneer at her," says the girl gravely.

"I know that, and that's why I do it," says he. "It is so difficult to resist temptation, and to do the wrong thing is always so pleasant." He is talking idly, scarcely knowing what he says, his mind full of her, full of the knowledge that he loves her, her only, and with all the passion of his nature, and that he is engaged to be married to another woman, a handsome woman, the daughter and heiress of a cotton merchant, what her own class would call a "fine girl," tall, with light eyes and lighter hair and distinctly underbred. She had met George Brooke some months ago at the house of a mutual friend, and being filled with a strong desire to rise out of her cotton surroundings had given him very clearly to understand that she was willing to accept him should he choose to accept her fortune, which was enormous, in exchange for the old title that must come to him on the death of his uncle, Lord Farnham, a beggarly title, no penny of money coming with it, as the uncle let the nephew know as often as opportunity occurred.

There had been bad blood between Lord Farnham and his second brother, George Brooke's father, and Farnham was not a man to forget. He swore he would visit the sin of the father upon the son, and sooner than let his money go to the young George he would leave it to a hospital. As for the old name and the keeping up of it, let it go to the devil. Young George would inherit that in spite of him, but it should prove a barren honor to him.

George took no steps to assuage his uncle's wrath, but he thought a good deal of the time when he should be Lord Farnham, with only £500 a year to back his title. He had shirked the idea of marrying for money, but when Miss Morland, with her undeniably golden charms, flung herself at his head, he permitted himself to argue the question with himself. Many a fellow, he told himself, had done it before. It was a fair exchange. His title for her money! He was heart whole. He would not do her or any other woman any wrong in marrying her. He would think about it—he hesitated—and finally was lost.



"You are hard to please," says he.

Miss Morland accepted him calmly, was a little vulgar over her money, let it be known that she thought it a pity that the present Lord Farnham was in such remarkably robust health for so old a man, and said she would not like to be married until the coming autumn. It was then November. George, glad of a respite, did not press for an earlier day, a circumstance the heiress remembered. He bore up under his new chains with a marvelous courage. He was not in love with any one, so they did not gall him. Then came a day when both he and Miss Morland were asked down to stay for a month at the Shirleys', and there he met Dorothy Dene.

A little, slender maiden, with big gray eyes and hair that rippled all over her white forehead. A rather out at elbows little maiden, whose best frock was a muslin and whose ornaments were roses. The Shirleys, a young couple, adored her and would have her to stay with them as often as ever the old squire, her father, would let her come to them. She had been taken forcible possession of by them from the month that saw George Brooke there and his fiancee, with the most disastrous results. George Brooke fell madly in love with her, and she loved him.

It has gone so far with them indeed that though no word has yet been spoken each knows the other's heart, and sitting here today in this little, dangerously lonely retreat a sense of passionate protest against the fate that is dividing them is thrilling through every tone.

"We ought to go back," says Miss Dene presently in a rather changed tone. She had been a little offended perhaps by the frivolity of his answer.

"Oh, not yet, surely. We have been here so short a time, and to get away from Shirley's banjo, if only for a minute or two, is so intense a relief."

"It is more than a minute or two," rising. "We have been here an immense time. Agnes—Mrs. Shirley—will be wondering what has become of us. So," regarding him steadily, "will Miss Morland."

"Let her wonder. Besides, she has forgotten us by this time in the delight of Lord Tottenham's society. I wonder what she sees in that old fossil? For my part I'm always thinking when with him of what I don't see—hair, teeth, etc."

"She is very kind to him, poor old man."

"And amiability is her strong point. How many charms you have discovered in her of late."

"I don't think you ought to speak of her like that," says the girl, turning upon him with a little flash in her lovely eyes. "You shouldn't criticise her."

"Why not? I certainly shan't be able to criticise her next month, so I may as well make the most of my time now. Next month"—slowly, and almost defiantly—"I shall be the blessed proprietor of Mrs. Brooke, and it is not permissible to criticise one's own wife, whatever you may do with regard to your friend's."

He has spoken deliberately and with seeming unconcern, though in truth his heart is torn in two by a very passion of despair and regret. They are both standing, but she has turned sharply aside and has so placed herself that he cannot see her face. He had meant to provoke some word from her, and her silence maddens him.

"What are you thinking of?" asks he angrily, going up to her and compelling her to return his gaze.

She has grown very pale, but she meets his eyes without flinching.

"Nothing," says she in a tone out of which all her courage cannot keep the sound of desolation.

"A woman's answer. I know what you were thinking of for all that—that there is no more despicable thing on earth than a man who marries a woman for her money. Yet what was I to do? Was the old name to be forever lowered? On £500 a year—how do they go together? Money I felt that I must have, and when it came my way I took it. Do you think I don't care—now? But the thing is done. And my uncle—that old man—he is a perfect devil, he will do nothing for me. I am tied—am bound."

"Yes," says she simply. She has taught herself indeed to regard it in this light. Of very old family herself, the demands of race seem natural to her. To give up all for the sake of the old name—that has reason in it—but that it should be they two who must give up—that seems hard!

"Why don't you speak?" says he harshly. "You despise me; you think"—

"I think nothing but what is kind of you," says she, her voice trembling, but her face full of a gentle dignity. "I do not despise you. Why should I? I think you are doing right. When an old title comes to one, it should be regarded as a sacred charge, and you—you meant to do the best you could for it. You will be able, in spite of your uncle, to keep up the old name"—

"Oh, d—n the old name!" interrupts he passionately, with a deep groan. He has spoken very low certainly—and certainly it seems as though the word had been forced from him against his will—but Dorothy, hearing this terrible speech, grows dumb. To so denounce the "old name!" She pauses, gazing at him as if thunderstruck.

"I beg your pardon," says he moodily. Why has she taken it all so much for granted? Is there no loophole of escape? If she had cared as much as he does, would she have been so ready to acknowledge the claims of the "old name?" "Do you never think, Dorothy," says he slowly, "of how it might have been if—if"—

With a little swift, imperative gesture she puts up her hand and checks him. Her very lips are white. Her large eyes grow suddenly larger as cruel, smarting tears fill them. Even as Brooke gazes at her, two bright drops overflow her lids and run quickly down her pale cheeks.

"Dorothy!" says he, making a movement toward her.

"No, no. Don't mind me!" says she bravely, repulsing him with eager hands. "You are doing what is best for you, indeed, and—and afterward you will be glad that— Yes"—nervously—"and besides"—

"Oh, that will do," says he bitterly. "Why should you trouble yourself to try and reconcile me to my fate? I dare say there are worse things that might befall a man than having to accept a fortune."

"I wish," says she in a heartbroken voice, "that you would try to be a little happy about it."

"Is there anything else you wish?" says he, pushing off his arm the little friendly hand she has placed upon it. "Happy, after all," throwing up his head, with a short laugh. "Why not?"

"Why not indeed?" sadly. "This is only a moment's folly on your part. Every other day you are as merry as the best of us. Tomorrow you will be yourself again."

"How you have studied me? You are right. I am the most frivolous, the most light hearted, of my sex. Sometimes," says he, laughing again, "I'm so happy that I wish"— He pauses.

"Yes?"

—"that I was dead!" says he, with such a sudden, vehement change from affected carelessness to honest misery that her heart dies within her. Fear takes possession of her.

"Oh, no! Oh, no!" cries she, her voice dying away in a sob. Instinctively she moves toward him, his arms open. In a moment she is lying on his breast.

"Oh, don't wish yourself dead!" sobs she, crying bitterly.

"I don't now," whispers he, tightening his arms round the slender, beloved little form.

"I ought not to be here. I oughtn't, indeed," says she, making, however, no effort to redeem her position. "There is Miss Morland to think of."

"There is indeed!" says he ruefully. It is a cheerful ruefulness, however. With his world in his arms he can afford to fight with outsiders. And he was not wrong after all. She does love him.

"Couldn't you"— begins Miss Dene, and then breaks off.

"Couldn't I what, darling?"

"Couldn't you break it off with her?" whispers she into the right side of his coat.

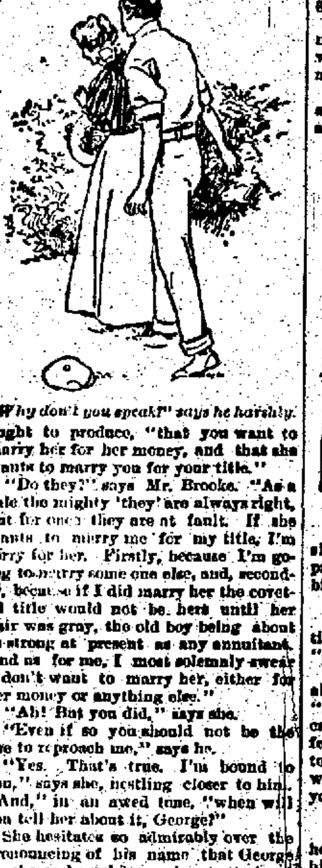
Hah! This was what he wanted!

"I could," says he, laughingly softly and pressing the pretty head against his heart with his hand, "and I will!"

"I wouldn't say a word—not a syllable," says Dorothy, with awful determination, "if she loved you—but she doesn't!" This decidedly, with all the impenetrable perspicacity of youth, that never reasons, yet always knows!

"No?" meekly. "I confess that idea has occurred to myself, but if my personal charms are a matter of indifference to her, why then has she done me the honor to accept me?"

"They say," says Miss Dorothy, lifting her limpid eyes to his with all the importance this time honored authority ought to produce, "that you want to marry her for her money, and that she wants to marry you for your title."



"Why don't you speak!" says he harshly.

"Do they?" says Mr. Brooke. "As a rule the mighty 'they' are always right, but for once they are at fault. If she wants to marry me for my title, I'm sorry for her. Firstly, because I'm going to marry some one else, and, secondly, because if I did marry her the coveted title would not be hers until her hair was gray, the old boy being about as strong at present as any annuitant. And as for me, I most solemnly swear I don't want to marry her, either for her money or anything else."

"Ah! But you did," says she.

"Even if so you should not be the one to reproach me," says he.

"Yes. That's true. I'm bound to you," says she, nestling closer to him. "And," in an awed tone, "when will you tell her about it, George?"

She hesitates so admirably over the pronouncing of his name that George laughs and catching up her pretty hand kisses the pink palm of it with rapture.

"First thing tomorrow," says he. "To tell you the truth, I think she has an inkling of it. She said something about you the other day that looked as if she was jealous."

"She couldn't be jealous—she doesn't love," says Dorothy, with conviction. "Oh," with a little, long drawn sigh, "it is dreadful to feel jealous!"

"You needn't have felt it," says he tenderly.

"But I did. I couldn't bear to think she was to belong to you, while I—Well," with a happy little sigh this time that brings tears into her eyes, "I'm not jealous now. I wonder what she'll say to you?"

"Give me good day no doubt and rejoice over a quittance of bad rubbish. After all, she was throwing herself away. A girl with a couple of millions might easily have made her own of a better match than I am likely to prove."

"She could have made no better match," indignantly. "Oh," starting, "is that Agnes calling? Oh, come, let us run! We have been here a dreadfully long time."

"Till tomorrow, then," says he, catching her in his arms and kissing her. "Tomorrow, I pray heaven, will leave me free to tell all the world that I love you."

Tomorrow, however, brings its own plans—with the hot water at 8 which a man brings him, a veritable bombshell in the shape of a letter, that blows all his intentions to pieces.

His uncle, Lord Farnham, is dead, so writes Lord Farnham's lawyer, and has left his nephew not only the title, which he couldn't keep from him, but his entire fortune, £14,000 a year. At the last the name had been too much for the old man. He had given his all for the keeping up of it. He had even given up his revenge, though, if he had known it, he could hardly have made his nephew more unhappy than by the bestowal of this most unlooked for gift.

How is he to go to Miss Morland now and demand his liberty? With the title and the fortune, too, in both his hands, how is he to ask her to break off his engagement? His soul sinks like lead within him. It was such an open ar[illegible]ment between them, she to give [illegible] the title, that now when he [illegible] himself independent of her money it seems impossible to ask her to let him go free from the detested bond.

A last fight for life animates him. He will seek an interview with Miss Morland after breakfast and put the case fairly before her. If she still elected to adhere to their original contract, so be it. Goodby then to life and joy and happiness. The honor that alone remains will be but a poor comforter. Knowledge of Miss Morland tells him that she will be very likely to assert her rights and decide on keeping her hold of title and estate. He manages to ask her for a few minutes alone with him before leaving the breakfast room. Something new in her face as she answers him—granting the required interview—strikes him at the moment, but not forcibly. Of late her moods have been very variable.

"Now?" asks he.

"The sooner the better," returns she shortly. "The library is always vacant at this hour. Shall we go there?"

"A good place," says he, trying to look calm, while his heart is thumping violently against his side, as though it would burst its bonds.

"Look here," says Miss Morland as he closes the library door behind him. "One word is as good as ten"—this is the usual graceful style in which she carries on her conversation. "I know quite well why you are here, and I may as well have the first word. You are sick of me, and I'm sick of you. That's it—isn't it?"

"Really"— begins Brooke feebly. He is indeed so overpowered by the brilliancy of this attack that he finds words difficult to him.

"The fact is," goes on Miss Morland, waving his attempt at a reply aside with a gesture of her large, firm hand, "I don't think there is the remotest chance of the old gentleman dying—Farnham, you know—and you without the title aren't good enough."

"I can quite understand that," says he gravely, shocked at her coarseness. "It is, however, a pity you didn't think of that sooner. I presume it was never me then; it was only the title."

"Well, as far as that goes," says she, "I presume it was never me either. It was only the money." At this he colors hotly. She laughs. "Does that trouble you?" says she. "Well, money clings to money, you know, and I have decided that one in the hand is worth two in the bush." This is a dark saying to him, but time explains it. "The truth is I saw Lord Farnham in town just before I came down here, and he looks as if he would last forever—as if he would never get older."

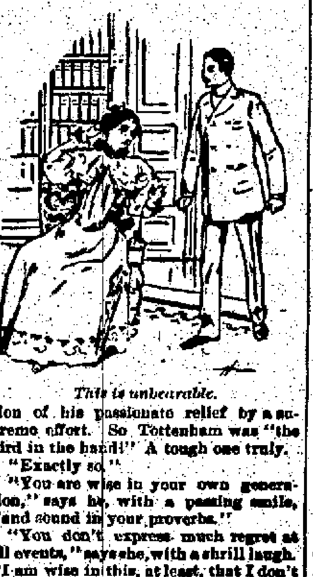
"No, he will never get older," repeats Brooke in a curious tone. With the old man lying dead, this heartless speech of hers—this cruel longing for his death—sounds even more detestable than it would have were he living. He himself had not loved the old lord, but he had never wished him dead.

"As to that, I suppose he will have to, whether he likes it or not," says she vindictively. "But I don't feel inclined to wait for him. And—er—as Lord Tottenham"—

"Yes?" says he, his heart giving a great bound.

"As Lord Tottenham asked me last night to marry him, I decided that it would be better to bring our engagement to an end."

"I am to understand, then, that you are about to marry Lord Tottenham?" asks he formally, subduing all expression of his passionate relief by a supreme effort. So Tottenham was "the bird in the hand!" A tough one truly.



This is unbearable.

"Exactly so."

"You are wise in your own generation," says he, with a passing smile, "and sound in your proverbs."

"You don't express much regret at all events," says she, with a shrill laugh. "I am wise in this, at least, that I don't care about dividing my husband's affection with another. That little girl to whom you give your whole time will no doubt be glad to share with you your £500 a year."

This is unbearable.

"If you allude to Miss Dene," says he quietly, though his face is pale and his eyes flashing, "I do not think she gives her entire thoughts to money. Five hundred pounds a year, however, would, I acknowledge, be but a poor thing to lay at her feet. I am glad, therefore, that it is now in my power to offer her £14,000."

"What!" says Miss Morland. She takes a step forward. Dismay, consternation, discomfiture, are all largely writ on her astonished face.

"Lord Farnham died at 10 o'clock last night. Contrary to my expectations he has left me every penny he possessed." He bows and moves toward the door.

"Stay—one moment," gasps Miss Morland. If she has even one small grain of hope left that she may still be Lady Farnham, his next words destroy it.

"You must pardon me," says he. "I have an appointment with Miss Dene. She has not yet heard my news. Ah, Lord Tottenham," to that carefully preserved old beau as he most opportunely enters the room, "permit me to congratulate you. Miss Morland has just informed me of your engagement to her. I feel she has done wisely indeed. With much humility I confess myself very much the worse man of the two!"

He laughs and hurries away to find Dorothy waiting for him in that little sacred spot he had named Arcadia yesterday. She rises as he comes toward her and turns so deadly white that he is afraid she is going to faint.

"It is all right!" cries he joyously, to reassure her. A little cry escapes her. She would have gone to him, but her limbs refuse to obey her, and if he had not caught her in his arms she would have fallen. There is no restorative power so effectual as a lover's kiss. Dorothy is presently her charming self again.

"Oh, how did it happen?" cries she rapturously. "I prayed for it all last night, but somehow I never had much hope. She has given you up, then? Really?"

"Really and truly."

"Oh, how could she?" leaning back from him to gaze into his dear face, the handsomest in the world to her.

"Well, it appears she could quite easily," says he, with a hearty laugh. "You may think me good to look at, but when compared with such a youthful Adonis as my Lord Tottenham, even you must allow that I ought to take a back seat."

"Do you mean to tell me," with growing indignation, "that she has given you up for Lord Tottenham?"

"Even so, my good child."

"Pouf! She's a fool. She's not worth wasting words upon," says Miss Dene, with scornful conviction.

"That's what I think. Let's talk of ourselves," says he.

"Oh, as for that," says she, turning suddenly very dismal and trying to give her head the properly dejected droop, "I dare say you will be sorry about all this later on. I have not been a good friend to you," with a heavy sigh, "and that's the truth."

"What am I going to be sorry about?"

"You know. You said yesterday that it would be dreadful to live on £500 a year."

"So it would with Miss Morland—not with you."

"Ah! That is all very well now. But I said something about it to father last week—not about you and me, you know, but about things generally—and he said that when people without money married other people without money it was madness." This rather involved sentence she gives forth with great solemnity.

"What a lot he said!" exclaims Lord Farnham, with affected admiration. "But, after all, it seems to me he didn't know what he was talking about. The real question is, Dorothy, whether you could be happy with me, even though we both were poor."

"Oh, darling, what a horrid question! Don't you know that if I had £10,000 a year"—this seems to be the utmost height of her ambition—"and not you, I should be the most wretched girl alive?"

"Well, you shall have more than that with me," cries he, folding his arms round her with a tender access of passion, and with his soul full of unspoken gratitude for this loving heart that has been given him to perfect his life.

Then he tells her all.

THE END.

A Rock Boring Shellfish.

One of the most curious of the many remarkable forms of marine life is a species of mollusk called the razorshell, which can excavate holes in solid rocks. This creature has no English name. Its Latin name is pholas. It is found in widely separated regions of the earth, but is most plentiful on the Mediterranean coast, where limestone abounds.

It is frequently met with on the coast of Italy, where whole limestone beaches are honeycombed with their holes. It is still a disputed point among naturalists as to how this boring is effected. Some think that the mollusk secretes some acid which softens the limestone, but others think that the holes are bored by the simple mechanical process of grinding. The preponderance of opinion appears to lie with the latter view at present, yet it is said that no one has yet been able to catch the pholas at work.—St. Louis Republic.

LIJER.

By TOM P. MORGAN.

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With one exception, the members of the Baxter household were honest and upright. Though life had been something of a struggle with them since Mr. Baxter's death, they had met their trials bravely, and after each day of struggling, when night settled down over the little weather beaten house under the tall cottonwood tree, they could go to rest with the simple satisfaction of feeling that they had done their best.

The day was fast approaching when, the time of residence required by the government having been fulfilled, the homestead claim would be their own. Their small crops, cultivated as well as a boy whose will perhaps was greater than his ability could cultivate them, were sufficient for their modest needs, and if their means were scanty their wants were carefully kept down to them.

They owed no one. They hated no one unless it might be Indian Jim, the worthless half breed whose chief fondness was for dirt, begging and stealing, three things that the Baxters, with one exception, abominated. They feared no one, except perhaps some of the pompous, straight backed officers of the prairie military post of Fort Beal, three miles away, and of these the younger Baxters, with the same single exception, stood more in awe than fear.

Mrs. Baxter was a quiet, painstaking woman, who worked hard to make both ends meet in the humble household. Dobby was an old mannish chap who did his best to fill his father's place. And little Martha was faithful at her tasks, helping at the dish washing, mending and sweeping, and dropped seeds for Dobby's planting, fed the chickens and assisted at whatever else her hands found to do.

But there was one inmate of the little weather beaten house who, though evidently considering himself one of the family, took no care to emulate the probity that marked their daily life, and apparently feared neither the law nor the commandments. This was Lijer, who was far from being saintly in spite of the patriarchal name he bore, a doubtful sort of compliment to the Bible story of Elijah and the ravens. As Dobby did not know the names of any of the ravens, he compromised and did the next best thing by calling the little crow Elijah.

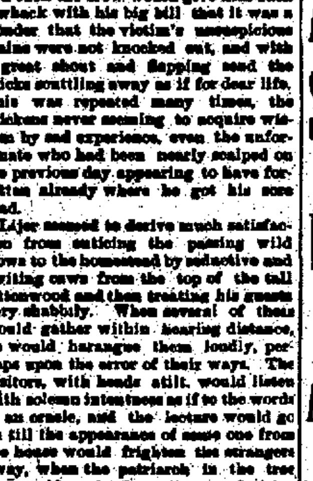
From the very first Lijer's appearance was against him. Even when actuated by as good intentions as ever a crow had, he looked the rascal. When Dobby took him from the parent nest, an ugly, almost featherless little wretch, his most prominent attribute, like that of a scoundrelly lawyer, was his bill.

His voice at that time was a harsh, complaining "whaarak," and his delight, next to eating, seemed to be in exercising it as near continually as possible. He was a shameless gormandizer even when so small that he could scarcely wabble about, and the only way to quiet his cries and his appetite was to stuff him so full of dough that for the time being he was past all wabbling.

One day, when half grown, he was caught by the old rooster in the act of stealing dough from the chickens and set upon and so severely drubbed before Dobby could come to the rescue that one of his legs was broken. This healed rapidly, but in a fashion that caused him to forever after walk with a swagger that made him look all the more rascally.

As he progressed to full grown crowhood he developed more queer villainies than it seemed possible for his small brain to father. In the matter of voice, whatever Lijer lacked in quality he made up in quantity. Besides the "caw," common to all crows, he acquired various notes and modulations expressive of wrath, impatience, satisfaction and delight, and what might have been called a kind of laugh, a harsh, strident "whoor-hoor-ha-a-a!"

At feeding times, when his rations of dough and meat scraps were placed before him, he seemed the soul of liberality to the guileless chicks who would gather, a half fearful and always hungry circle, about him. Lijer would assure them of his pacific intentions by sundry clucks and murmurings and a look of total harmlessness that would entice the boldest of them to the feast. He would appear the model host till a chicken got just where he wanted him, and then the crow would give him such a whack with his big bill that it was a wonder that the victim's unsuspicious brains were not knocked out, and with a great shout and flapping send the chicks scuttling away as if for dear life. This was repeated many times, the chickens never seeming to acquire wisdom by sad experience, even the unfortunate who had been nearly scalped on the previous day appearing to have forgotten already where he got his sore head.



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Lijer seemed to derive much satisfaction from enticing the passing wild crows to the homestead by seductive and inviting caws from the top of the tall cottonwood and then treating his guests very shabbily. When several of them would gather within hearing distance, he would harangue them loudly, perhaps upon the error of their ways. The visitors, with heads atilt, would listen with solemn intentness as if to the words of an oracle, and the lecture would go on till the appearance of some one from the house would frighten the strangers away, when the patriarch in the tree top would send after them a derisive "whoor-hoor-ha-a-a!"

A sad thief was Lijer. It seemed that if there was an honest bone in his black body it must be a very small one. It was believed by the Baxters that the only things safe from his dishonest bill were those so large and heavy that they were beyond his ability to lug off. For metal objects, especially if they were bright, he had the greatest liking. Mrs. Baxter's thimble would disappear, to be perhaps found in some odd corner or crevice. Spools of thread were to be discovered poked into the bedding, in the kindling box, behind the wash bench, out of doors under big chips and goodness knows where else.

Part of a paper of tacks left carelessly about one day attracted Lijer's attention, and he made a number of trips between it and the bread sponge that Mrs. Baxter had left on the table all ready for the oven when a neighbor dropped in. After the departure of the caller the housewife hastily thrust the bread into the oven without noticing anything unusual about it. Upon getting the loaf at supper she was astonished to find one end of it plentifully studded with tacks.

Lijer dearly loved to get at a well filled pincushion, from which he would extract the pins one by one and thrust them into some convenient receptacle. One night after the prophet, unbeknown to any one, had robbed the pincushion Dobby was considerably surprised, if not delighted, to find, upon going to bed, his pillow carefully [illegible] with pins.

One winter's day old Mr. [illegible] "sorta dropped in," as he expressed it, and was sitting beside the stove retailing the scanty gossip of the neighborhood, while his dog, faithful Tyler, was comfortably curled up before the fire. Lijer was swaggering about looking for an opportunity for displaying his peculiar talents when a live coal popped out of the grate. Like a flash he snapped it up in his hard bill and inserted it into the dog's ear. Poor Tyler sprang up with a terrible howl and dashed between the legs of his master, who had just risen to take his departure, nearly standing the old gentleman on his head, and sprang out of the door, colliding with Dobby, who was just bringing in a bucket of water. The bucket went flying, half drenching the boy, and the dog scuttled away, yelping mournfully, followed by Lijer's triumphant "whoor-hoor-ha-a-a!"

But, in spite of all his villainies, Lijer had one redeeming trait. This was his fondness for Dobby, whom he loved with all his rascally little heart. It was Dobby who had fed him when he was a helpless gormand and rescued him from the rooster and bound up his broken leg and nursed him tenderly. It was Dobby who saved him from many unpleasant scrapes, usually brought upon himself by his own rascality, and it was Dobby, too, who petted him and pranked with him, and it was upon Dobby that he lavished all the affection that was in him.

He would swagger around after the boy at his tasks, investigating everywhere, sticking his nose into everything, often hindering sadly while apparently intending to be helpful, and all the time murmuring to his master in crow language. He seemed to deem nothing too good for Dobby, and often when the lad was sitting quietly the crow would hop up into his lap and pop into a pocket or a fold of his jacket one of his choicest steals and then back away as proud as a peacock when Dobby found and accepted the gift, usually some small article that had been missing from the house and accordingly charged to Lijer, though perhaps no one had seen him steal it. And when tired of pranking the crow liked to hop up on Dobby's shoulder and mutter and mumble in his ear and then drop off to sleep with his head against the boy's cheek.

One September day the Baxters were thrown into a flutter of excitement by the coming in a most unexpected fashion of visitors from the fort. Miss Ernestine Rossiter of Chicago had lately become the guest of Colonel and Mrs. Conklin, and several times the household under the tall cottonwood had seen the stately beauty ride by, a member of an equestrian party from the post. Today her escort was blond mustached and eyeglassed *Lieutenant Lemon*, just from West Point, a gentleman of apparently tremendous importance in his own mind.

How it came about does not matter, but when a little way from the Baxter homestead the lady's horse stumbled, giving her a painful and most ungraceful tumble, bruising her somewhat and giving her dignity a sad shock. This was truly unfortunate, for upon this particular day she had arrayed herself with unusual care for the purpose of impressing the officer.

That gentleman came gallantly to the rescue and supported her tenderly to the house, where Mrs. Baxter, in a high state of flutterment, did her best to administer to the needs of her unexpected guest. The lady's shoulder was sprained and lamed and one of her hands considerably bruised. Mrs. Baxter was ready with linen cloths and homemade liniment, Dobby thoughtfully brought a pitcher of cool water from the spring, and little Martha rendered what assistance lay within her power.

Miss Rossiter was almost astonished when Mrs. Baxter refused payment for her kindness and seemed half hurt that it had been offered. These prairie people were hardly barbarians, after all, the lady decided. Even the lieutenant, to whom she whispered this, agreed with her and was almost gracious to Dobby and Martha, who stood in manifest awe of this very important appearing officer, who walked as erect as if he had swallowed a poker whole and had as yet failed to digest it.

So busy was Dobby with his helpfulness that he forgot to wonder what had become of Lijer and what rascality might be keeping him out of sight.

Presently the guests were ready to depart, and they had almost reached the door, the lady clinging to the officer's arm, when she gave a little cry of remembrance:

"My diamond ring! I placed it on

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Therefore buy your
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Kane, Feb. 15, 1897.

The National Guards of Pennsylvania will not attend the inauguration of McKinley—lack of funds.

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has refused the application of the United States Pipe Line company to stay the election of directors.

It cost Uncle Sam $800 in good cold cash to discharge one of his large cannons. Take an artillery duel like the one that occurred at Gettysburg on the 3d of July, 1863, at such an expense for each discharge, and it would soon bankrupt any government.

John W. Campbell of Kane announces himself as a candidate for delegate to the State convention. Mr. Campbell is a young and progressive business man and his candidacy meets with favor throughout the county. No better choice could be made.

Gen'l D. N. Couch died at his home in Norwalk, Conn., one day last week at the age of 75 years. General Couch will be remembered as having had charge of the department of the Susquehanna during Lee's memorable raid into Pennsylvania in 1863. Thus has one more of our able generals passed away.

M. W. Moffitt of Kane announces himself as a candidate to the Republican State convention. Mr. Moffitt is one of Kane's most reputable citizens having been a resident of that burg for about eighteen years. The Republican speaks of him in glowing terms, and says, "he is as thoroughly respected as any citizen in this community."

Dr. Burg Chadwick, our fellow townsman, is a candidate for delegate to the State convention. "Doc," as he is familiarly called, is well known to everyone and is well qualified to discharge the duties of delegate. He is a physician of extensive practice, besides holding the position of county physician. The voters could take great pleasure in supporting him.

Ex-Congressman W. W. Brown of Bradford is a candidate for delegate to the State convention. Col. Brown needs no introduction to the voters of McKean county, having been a resident of this section for about 30 years. He served his country faithfully during the war, and represented this district two terms in Congress. He is a representative man and would well represent this county as a delegate.

In the proper place will be found the name of Hon. W. E. Burdick of Bradford, announcing himself as a candidate for delegate to the State convention which convenes at Harrisburg at a date to be named. Mr. Burdick is too well known to the people of McKean county to need any eulogies from us. His record in the House at Harrisburg was away above the average, and the people of McKean will take great pleasure in having him as a delegate.

C. S. King of Port Allegany announces himself as a candidate for delegate to the State convention to be held at Harrisburg. Mr. King is a wide awake business man, well and favorably known to every Republican voter in McKean county, and there is no question as to his ability to discharge the duties of delegate with honor and pleasure to all concerned. He is one of the most earnest workers for the cause of Republicanism in the county. He always takes his coat off when the success of those principles is involved.

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No other event of the week approaches in importance the disruption of the steel rail pool. In two days after it, a greater tonnage of rails was probably purchased than the entire production last year, reported as 800,000 tons, and instead of $28 in December and $25 in January, $17 is now the price which works east and west are [illegible] orders, the Carnegie company [illegible] selling at $17 Chicago delivery. These sales will employ many thousand hands, with an important decrease in the cost of track laying or renewals by railroads. Even more important is the result that construction of the billet pool will be impossible, as long as the contest over rails continues, and the manufacture of structural forms, bars, rods, wire, nails, tin plates and many other products, has a chance to secure cheap material. In the near future, also, in the struggle between the two great companies producing Bessemer ore, one allied with the Illinois Steel and the other with the Carnegie Company, which is expected to bring about lower prices for ore, and to push many mines to their utmost capacity. But in the war of rival interests, wages are already reduced by some large concerns.

Another event of influence is the purchase of 700,000 pieces of print cloths by M. C. D. Borden at 2.35 cts., which has already caused an advance to 2.50 cts., with a stronger tone for prints and other cotton goods. The general influence of such a purchase, manifesting confidence in the future, is apt to be great. As the contract to shut down part time many mills producing print cloths is going into effect, the productive capacity and wages of employes will be for a time reduced, but if a demand of [illegible] to replenish stocks is started, the effect may be altogether beneficial. The woolen industry also waits an increased demand for low and medium goods, and a dozen or more mills have started against others stopping for various reasons. [illegible] prices are reduced to 75 cts., [illegible] other prices maintained.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Feb'y 15, 1897.—Inauguration echoes are now heard wherever one turns in Washington. Work upon the street stands from which a portion of the spectators will view the parade, which promises to be the handsomest, if not the largest, ever seen, has been started, and the inauguration committee has begun the distribution of fifty thousand paper flags and fifteen thousand portraits of McKinley and Hobart, to be used by the residents along the route of the parade to assist in decorating their houses. These are given away by the committee. So general is the sentiment in favor of having the West Point and Annapolis cadets take part in the parade that it seems probable the joint resolution, offered in the Senate by Mr. Frye and in the House of Representatives by Mr. Baker of New Hampshire, requesting the President to order the cadets and their bands to Washington and appropriating the money to pay their expenses, will go through. It is known that Mr. Cleveland favors having the cadets in the parade and that he will gladly issue the order if Congress will adopt the resolution.

The Democrats are already beginning their howl about the total amount of the appropriations that will be made by the fifty fourth Congress. It is true that the total of the appropriations for the two years will exceed $1,000,000,000, but the Democrats would show more wisdom if they would point out a single appropriation made, or to be made in the short time remaining of the session, that is not needed, or that the government will not get full value for, instead of yelling "extravagant appropriations" like a lot of parrots. The Senate is not a Republican body—would that it were—yet it has not only approved all of the appropriations made by the House, but has in nearly every bill increased them. Besides it should not be forgotten that a considerable amount of the money appropriated by this Congress was made necessary by continuing contracts made by the last Democratic Congress for river and harbor improvements, public buildings and the increase of the navy. Chairman Cannon, of the House committee on appropriations, correctly stated the situation when he said that contracts previously made had to be observed; that Congress could not allow unfinished public buildings to remain exposed in all kinds of weather, and that the pension laws could not be ignored. In short that no appropriations have been made that were not necessary for the conduct of the government and the preservation of its interests. Mr. Cannon's idea of economy in public expenditures are so rigid that he has offended may personal friends by refusing to sanction propositions for appropriations which have come before his committee. There is no item in any appropriation made by the fifty-fourth Congress that any Republican need be ashamed of; the appropriations are all needed and the money is all to be spent among the people and for the people.

It is about settled that the arbitration treaty will not be voted upon at this session, but will go over to the extra session of the Senate, that will meet March 4th, and remain in session until the extra session of the full Congress meets. This has been made necessary by the opposition to the treaty in the Senate.

Representative Woodman of Illinois has asked the House ways and means committee to increase the revenue tax on cigarettes from 50 cents to $50 a thousand. Mr. Woodman's object is to stop the smoking of cigarettes by children, which he says is "a habit which is destroying our youth, filling our insane asylums, and shrouding in gloom by the destruction, mentally, and physically of their young sons, many of the best homes of our land." Mr. Woodman said in his speech to the committee: "As long as boys can buy the death dealing article at a cent a piece or two for a cent, so long will the evil continue. When they are taxed so as to produce a larger revenue, which tax will place them out of the reach of school children, then Mr. Chairman, we may look for a mitigation of the evil. Then may be looked for a protection that protects. Then may we congratulate ourselves on having performed one act the results of which the whole nation, with one accord will approve."

Representative White of Chicago, made quite a stir at the last meeting of the House committee on public buildings and grounds by charging that the insertion of the names of ex Mayor Grant of New York, a son-in-law of Senator Murphy, as one of the five commissioners provided for in the bill for the New York custom house, and of one of the other commissioners, was the result of a deal. The commissioners are to get $5,000 a year and no limit is set to the time they are to take for the sale of the present custom house and the erection of the proposed new one. The bill is now before the committee on account of amendments added by the Senate, one of which is Mr. Grant's name. Mr. White wants to strike out the commission entirely.

LUMBER TARIFF.

What better evidence could anyone desire as an endorsement of the Republican principles of protection than the following from the Washington correspondent to the Philadelphia Inquirer—Mr. C. W. Goodyear, a life long Democrat and a warm friend of President Cleveland, pleading with the tariff committee of a Republican house for an increase of duty:

C. W. Goodyear, who is extensively interested in hemlock lumber in Potter county, Pa., is in Washington and witnessed the counting of the electoral vote to-day as the guest of Representative Leonard, of Pennsylvania. The lumbermen of that section are aroused over the published report that the House ways and means committee proposes to place a duty of $2 on Maine spruce and only $1 on Pennsylvania hemlock. Mr. Goodyear came here for the purpose of urging upon the members of the committee charged with the duty of framing the tariff bill, and also the individual members of the House, the importance and justice of giving hemlock as much protection as will be accorded other lumber.

"I do not know any good reason," said Mr. Goodyear to day, "why Maine spruce should be given $2 duty and Pennsylvania hemlock only $1. I have been unable to learn any reason, real or pretended, why this should be done. We have enough hemlock in Pennsylvania to keep the large mills cutting twenty years if we get the proper protection. We have asked for a uniform duty of $2 on rough lumber and no tax on Canadian logs. There is a very strong sentiment, however, among the lumbermen of Michigan and the northwest and also in some sections of the south, for a tax on Canadian logs. Our idea in asking that Canadian logs be admitted free was that it would prolong the life of the mills along the Saginaw valley and thus give more employment to American labor."

Congressman Leonard, in whose district Mr. Goodyear's mills are located, said that there were very little pine and spruce left in Pennsylvania and hemlock was now the principal lumber industry of the State.

The length of life may be increased by lessening its dangers. The majority of people die from lung troubles. These may be averted by promptly using One Minute Cough Cure. A. W. Colegrove, Smethport, A. E. Stickle, East Smethport.

Cash Register and Safe for sale cheap. Inquire of Dr. Burg Chadwick.

FRANK THOMSON, PRESIDENT.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Pennsylvania railroad, held at the general office in Philadelphia on February 3d, Frank Thomson, vice-president, was unanimously elected president.

In every field of American development Scotch ancestry is conspicuous. Many great men of the learned professions, the factors of the business world, and the high officials of our commercial and railroad interests look back with pride to a lineage of the land of the thistle and heather. A family of this description is that of Frank Thomson. In 1771 Alexander Thomson sailed from Scotland and settled as a pioneer in the Cumberland Valley. Among his children was a son, Alexander, who, after winning distinction at the bar of his State, represented his district in Congress from 1824 to 1826. Returning to the practice of his profession, he became judge of the Sixteenth Judicial District, and subsequently professor of law in Marshall College.

His son, Frank Thomson, was born in Chambersburg, Pa., July 5th, 1841. His rudimentary and classical education was received at the Chambersburg Academy, but he did not inherit the paternal taste for the law. With the foresight which has been one of the distinguishing characteristics of his life, he saw in the practical work of the railroad an attractive and promising field of action, and at seventeen years of age he entered the Altoona shops of the Pennsylvania railroad for instruction. A four years' course of training in this great school of applied science graduated him a mechanical engineer, who could build a locomotive through every stage of the progress, from the crude iron to the finished engine on the rails, while it also fitted him to operate as engineman the product of his own skill.

It required little time for Col. Thos. A. Scott, General Superintendent of the road, to detect in the young engineer evidences of unusual ability, and the outbreak of civil war furnished the opportunity of testing his judgment.

Colonel Scott had been appointed by President Lincoln Assistant Secretary of War, and placed in charge of all matters relating to the transportation of troops and supplies, and he called Frank Thomson to his aid as chief assistant.

Mr. Thomson took the field immediately, the scene of his operations being the south and the upper southwest where he constructed railroads and bridges, repaired those which had been injured by the exigencies of war, directed the transportation of troops and the forwarding of supplies to the front. The signal success of his efforts in this dangerous undertaking not only received fitting recognition from the war department, but marked him as a railroad man of rare promise. At the conclusion of active hostilities in this territory he was relieved from military duty, and in June, 1864, was appointed superintendent of the eastern division of the Pennsylvania and Erie railroad, which occupied his time until March, 1873. After this experience promotion came rapidly. In March, 1873, he was made superintendent of motive power of the Pennsylvania railroad at Altoona.

In this position the vast information and wide experience gained from his course in the shops was applied to the work of practical locomotive construction, and so was laid the foundation of the system which has since produced those celebrated locomotives known as the "Pennsylvania Railroad Standard Engine." On July 1st, 1874, he relinquished this post to become general manager of the Pennsylvania railroad system east of Pittsburg and Erie.

As general manager he introduced a number of reforms in the management, administration and maintenance of the road. The standard track and solid roadbed owes its existence to his efforts, and the system of track inspection and the award of prizes for the best sections of track were instituted by him. The adoption of a superior standard of equipment, the building of picturesque stations and the ornamentation of their grounds, the use of the block signal system and other safety appliances, were all distinctive features of his management. He was also instrumental in developing that high grade of discipline for which the Pennsylvania railroad is noted.

On October 1st, 1882, Mr. Thomson became second vice president, and on October 27th, 1888, was advanced to the post of first vice president, which he has held up to the present date. During his incumbency of the vice presidential offices Mr. Thomson was charged with the traffic arrangements of the system, both in the freight and passenger branch, and as administrative officer of the road and as direct representative of the president was in a position to carry out to their fullest fruition the progressive reforms which he instituted as general manager. His direct supervision of the traffic arrangements existing between the Pennsylvania railroad and its connections kept him in close touch with all the railway interests of the country, and so makes him to day one of the best informed, most experienced, and ablest of American railroad managers. These qualifications are universally acknowledged by all his contemporaries of the railroad world.

Mr. Thomson's duties as the manager of a great railway require so much of his time that he has never been identified with many other public institutions. A notable exception, however, is the Equitable Life Insurance Company, of which he is a director.

The secret of Mr. Thompson's excellent health under the heavy strain of his duties is found in his love of out-of-door sport. He is an ardent angler, a hunter of much merit, and generally selects for his holiday the season when he may indulge his taste for the fascination of the rod or gun.

Mr. Thomson is a widower, his wife, the daughter of the late Benjamin G. Clarke of New York, having died in June, 1887. Miss Anne Thompson, the only daughter, a prominent figure in Philadelphia society, and Frank G. and Clarke Thompson, both students at Harvard, compose the family.

Some one who has taken the trouble to ascertain the political complexion of all the legislatures of the forty-five states, finds that there is a grand total of 3493 Republicans, 2209 Democrats, 520 Populists and 214 Fusionists, a clear Republican majority of 550. In the Legislature of twelve southern States there are 1389 Democrats, 367 Republicans and 204 Populists, which exhibit will be an unpleasant surprise to the Populists who have supposed that they are making much progress in the South.—Warren Mail.

Spring term Musical College, Freeburg, Pa., will begin May 3. For catalogue address H. B. Moyer. 5-3t.

Notice.

THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS OF ADMINISTRATORS, Executors and Guardians having been settled in the office of the Register, in and for the County of McKean, and State of Pennsylvania, the same will be presented for confirmation at an Orphan's Court to be held at Smethport, in and for said county, on the 22nd day of February, A. D. 1897, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon:

First and final account of C. D. Comes, executor of the last will and testament of Polly V. Comes, deceased.

First and final account of Geo. Winkler, executor of the last will and testament of Jeremiah [illegible], deceased.

First and final account of Gilbert Mealy, administrator c. t. a., of the estate of Franklin Dix, deceased.

First and partial account of O. D. Coleman and F. M. Coleman, administrators of the estate of Marcus Coleman, deceased.

First and final account of John Lincoln, administrator of the estate of W. B. Lincoln, deceased.

First and final account of L. C. Devinney, administrator of the estate of F. B. Johnson, deceased.

First and final account of Sheridan Gorton, guardian of the person and estate of Almon E. Coe, minor child of John B. Coe, late of Lafayette township, McKean county, Pa., deceased.

First and final account of Cara M. Erickson, administratrix of the estate of Erick A. Erickson, deceased.

Geo. W. Mitchell, Register.
E. M. Cheney, Deputy.
Smethport, Pa., Jan. 28, 1897.

SHERIFF'S SALES.

BY VIRTUE OF SUNDRY WRITS OF FIERI Facias, Levari Facias and Alias Venditioni Exponas, Alias Fieri Facias, Pluries Fieri Facias, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa., and to me directed, I will expose at public sale in the Court House, in the borough of Smethport, on

MONDAY, FEB. 22, 1896,

at 1 p. m., the following several pieces of property:

1.

Defendant's interest in all that parcel and lot of land situate in the township of Bradford, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: Beginning in the east line of Bennett brook road; thence east 507.4 feet; thence south 1 degree east 125.5 feet; thence east 160.45 feet; thence south 1 degree east 386.16 feet parallel with Bennett street; thence west 37.53 feet to east line of Bennett brook road; thence along said line 563.2 feet to the place of beginning. Containing 1.37 acres more or less, being part of lot known as Edson lot, excepting and reserving a certain lot of land conveyed by W. C. Nye and wife to L. M. Finney by deed bearing date September 26th, 1884, and recorded in the Recorder's office of McKean county in Deed Book 27, page 478 &c. Also excepting and reserving another lot of land conveyed by W. C. Nye and wife to the Young Men's Bu. Association, Limited, by deed bearing date December 29th, 1891, and recorded in the office of the Recorder in and for McKean county in Deed Book 15 page 528 &c., and being same premises conveyed by Annie Edson to Wm. C. Nye by deed dated December 28th, 1881, and recorded in the Recorder's office in and for McKean county in Deed Book 15, page 69 &c. Improved and having thereon two one story frame dwelling houses, one one and one-half story frame dwelling house, two green houses, one barn and usual outbuildings.

ALSO—All that piece or parcel of land situate in the township of Bradford, McKean county, Pa., bounded and described as follows: Beginning at northeast corner of Shaw lot on Bennett street; thence along west side of Bennett street 67 feet to the southeast corner of Tibbie story lot; thence west 115.4 feet; thence southeast 105.4 feet along Bennet brook road to the northwest corner of Shaw lot; thence northeast 71.2 feet to the place of beginning. Being lot 2, Lyon survey, and part of Annie Edson lot and being same premises conveyed by Annie Edson by Loyal Ward, trustee, to W. C. Nye and R. A. Pier by deed dated June 23d, 1881 and recorded in the Recorder's office in and for McKean county in Deed Book 11, page 20 &c. Improved and having thereon three one-story frame dwelling houses and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Wm. C. Nye at the suit of David J. Nye.

J. M. McClure, plaintiff's attorney.

2.

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate lying and being in the township of Hamilton, county of McKean and state of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a post on the north bank of the Morrison Run and the east side of the B. B. and W. railroad; running thence along said railroad north 43 degrees 30 minutes west forty four and one-seventh rods to an angle; thence north 57 degrees west five and six-tenths rods to a post; thence north 65 degrees 30 minutes east fifteen and thirty-three one hundredths rods to a post on west side of public highway; thence south 50 degrees 30 minutes east, twelve and seventy-seven hundredths rods to a post; thence south 12 degrees 30 minutes east twenty-five and twenty-seven hundredths rods to a post; thence south 19 degrees east eight and fifty-four hundredths rods to a post; thence south 62 degrees west thirty-six rods to a post and place of beginning. Containing three acres and ninety-six and 41-100 square perches of land, more or less, excepting and reserving however out of the above all the petroleum, rock or carbon oil, gas and other minerals in and under said described land with all the rights necessary appertaining in order to fully enjoy the said premises for the purpose of mining, storing and removing the same. Also excepting and reserving from the force and operation of this conveyance full right title and possession of a portion of the above described lands as follows: Beginning at a post in the north bank of the creek mentioned as the place of beginning; thence along the railroad north 43 degrees 30 minutes west ninety feet; thence south 62 degrees east to east line of said land; thence south along said east line to the place of beginning, being same lands this day conveyed by second party to first parties hereto. Improved and having thereon one two story frame dwelling house and usual outbuildings, a few fruit trees, well of water in house.

ALSO—All the right, title and interest of the said parties of the first part both in their own right and as widow and heirs at law of James Cobbett, deceased, the said James Cobbett leaving to survive him the above named widow and two children, of, in and to all that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate lying and being in the township of Hamilton, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania bounded and described as follows to-wit: Beginning at the southwest corner of school house lot No. 1; thence north 48 degrees west seventeen rods and five links; thence north 47½ degrees east 14 rods and ten links; thence north 14½ degrees east ten rods; thence north 89 degrees east twenty rods; thence north 15½ degrees east ten rods and six links; thence north 37 degrees west sixty rods; thence due north to county line; thence east on county line to lands of James Anderson; thence bounded on the east by lands of James Anderson and the Morrison estate, on the south by the Morrison estate and the north line of school house lot No. 1 to the place of beginning. Containing one hundred and one acres of land, more or less, being part of Warrant 2156 and same premises conveyed to the said James Cobbett, deceased, by William J. Bartholomew in 1880. Together with all and singular the buildings, improvements, woods, ways, rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances to the same belonging or in anywise appertaining, and the reversion and the reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof. Improved and having thereon one one and one-half story frame dwelling house, one frame barn, a small orchard, about 40 acres improved and well watered.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Charles H. Cobbett, Mary J. Cobbett and H. H. Cobbett at the suit of L. B. Reed, assignee of the J. S. Norton Supply Co.

Sheridan Gorton, plaintiff's attorney.

3.

Defendant's interest in a piece of land in the township of Wetmore, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows to wit: Beginning at a post and stones in the center of the road, the northwest corner of Annie Sellins' ten acre lot;—Thence west sixty rods to a post;—Thence south eighty-two rods to a post;—Thence east sixty rods to a post and stones;—Thence north eighty-two rods along Annie Sellins' line to the place of beginning. Containing thirty and seven-tenths acres, about twenty-five acres improved.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of John Sellin at the suit of Axel Peterson.

A. P. Huey Plaintiff's attorney.

4.

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece, parcel or lot of land in Hamlin township McKean county and state of Pennsylvania, part of Warrant No. 1699, being part of Lot No. 25 of the G. H. Lyons survey of [illegible]: Beginning at a post in the north side of the Big Level road, marking the southeast corner of lands of Charles Jackson; Thence along land of said Jackson N. 1 degree, 45 minutes west 148 rods to a post corner; Thence N. 89 degrees, 30 minutes, E. 16 47-100 rods to a post in the line of lot 21; Thence along said line S. 0 degrees, 30 minutes E. to the north side of the Big Level road; Thence along said road to the place of beginning, containing 15 7-10 acres more or less.

Reserving however the right of way of the B. E. & B. R. R., a strip 60 feet wide 30 feet each side of the centre of the track, making about 1-5 of an acre more or less.

Reserving also the Spring lot as per assignment made to E. K. Kane by Allen Carlson, March 1st, 1881, as included within the aforesaid lines viz:—Beginning at a post in the line of Lot 21-40-4 10 rods from the northeast corner of this Lot;—Thence south 13 degrees, 30 minutes west 21 9-10 rods; thence south 0 degrees, 30 minutes east 14 rods;—Thence north 48 degrees, 5 minutes east 25 rods to the line of Lot 21;—Thence along said line to the place of beginning, and subject to the reservations and rights as mentioned in Deed from Andrew Jackson to John O. Johnson dated December 12th, 1890 and recorded in Deed Book No. 61 at page 113 etc.

And subject to the right of way of the Tide Water Pipe Co., Limited. Improved and having thereon about fifty fruit trees, one water well one two-story frame house with ell, one small barn, one frame barn and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of J. O. Johnson at the suit of H. C. Saunders and L. C. Ross, Executors Estate of W. J. Colegrove deceased.

Jno. S. Apple, plaintiffs' attorney.

5.

Defendant's interest in all that certain lot or parcel of land situate in the borough of Kane, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Being lot number one hundred and two (102) on the south side of Haines street, being fifty by one hundred and fifty (50x150) feet; adjoining vacant lot of Evan O'Neil Kane on the west; lot of Swan Johnson on the east; alley on the south, and Haines street on the north. Improved and having thereon one two-story frame house with ell and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of G. N. Jackson at the suit of E. A. Lyte, cashier First National Bank, for use of J. H. Grover.

H. E. Shaffer, plaintiff's attorney.

6.

Defendant's interest in a lot of land situate in Eldred township, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania containing twenty-five (25) acres strict measure, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at a post of northeast corner of land contracted to S. A. Canfield lot No. 28; thence west 57 perches to a post at the northwest corner of the same; thence north 28 perches to a post corner; thence west 34 perches to a hemlock the southeast corner of land contracted to E. B. Percival, lot No. 26; thence north 2 perches; thence east 91 perches to a post, thence south 30 perches to the place of beginning, subject however to certain reservations mentioned in a contract for said land given by J. A. Winsor to George W. Windsor, dated May 1st, 1883, said contract being on file in the Prothonotary's office of McKean county in No. 210, February term, 1897. Improved and having thereon one two-story frame house with ell, one board barn and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of G. W. Windsor at the suit of J. A. Winsor.

E. R. Mayo, plaintiff's attorney.

7.

Defendant's interest in all of the following described real estate, to-wit:

FIRST. All that certain piece and parcel of land situate in Bradford city, McKean county and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at a post on the west side of High street; the same being the southeast corner of Toles lot (formerly owned by Henry Lamphere); thence west along line of Toles lot seventy (70) feet to a post in line of Perkins and Alma lot; thence southwardly along said line twenty-five (25) feet to a post; thence east seventy (70) feet more or less to a post in line of High street; thence north along line of High street twenty-five (25) feet to place of beginning. Improved and having thereon one two-story frame building, 26x30 feet, used as a store and dwelling house and one board shed.

SECOND. All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, situate, lying and being in Bradford city, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, and bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a point the west side of High street being the southeast corner of lot above described; thence west along land above described to southwest corner thereof; thence southwardly along said line of Perkins and Alma twenty-five (25) feet more or less to a post; thence east seventy-five (75) feet more or less to a post in line of High street; thence north along west line of High street twenty-five (25) feet to place of beginning. Improved and having thereon one one and a half story cottage, one frame stable and usual outbuildings.

The two parcels of land above described being same lands conveyed by C. K. Lapham and wife to Belle McGibney, by deed dated June 8th, 1889, and recorded in the Recorder's office of McKean county, August 14th, 1889, in Deed Book Vol. 41, page 144, etc.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Belle McGibney at the suit of W. C. McNina and Mrs. M. A. Adams.

M. Sullivan, plaintiffs' attorney.

8.

Defendant's interest in the following: The building is a two story frame dwelling house situate in the Third ward, city of Bradford at No. 24 Bank street in the said city of Bradford. The land on which said building is set is bounded and described as follows: Beginning at an iron post on the south side of Bank street one hundred and fifty (150) feet more or less west of Pearl street; thence south one hundred (100) feet; thence west thirty-three (33) feet; thence north one hundred (100) feet to Bank street; thence east along Bank street thirty-three (33) feet to the place of beginning. Containing three thousand three hundred (3,300) square feet, and being a part of the land conveyed to August W. Newell by Daniel Kingsbury and wife by deed dated December 18th, A. D. 1888 and recorded in the Recorder's office in and for said county of McKean, and by A. W. Newell and wife conveyed to Anna J. Nelson.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of E. M. Nelson and Anna J. Nelson, his wife, owner or reputed owner and contractor, at the suit of Geo. A. Bodine.

M. H. Byles, plaintiff's attorney.

9.

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece, piece or tract of land situate in the township of Lafayette, county of McKean and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, described as follows, to-wit: Being building lot No. 27 as per [illegible] map of Lewis Run, McKean county, Pennsylvania, recorded in the Recorder's office of McKean county, Pa., in Deed Book 37, page 50. Being the same property sold by the Lafayette Manufacturing Company to M. Lamb, by deed bearing date March 2nd, 1891. Improved and having thereon one two story frame dwelling house, used as a store room and dwelling house, and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of M. Lamb at the suit of Gust Herling.

C. E. Judd, plaintiff's attorney.

10.

Defendant's interest in all those certain pieces, parcels or tracts of land situate in the borough of Kane, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

FIRST. Being part of Warrant 3101 and being lot No. 11 on Haines street; Beginning at a post in the north line of Haines 250 feet from the north east corner of Haines and Yarnell streets; thence parallel to Yarnell street north 20 degrees west 145 feet to a post; thence parallel to Haines street north 70 degrees east 50 feet to a post; thence parallel to Yarnell street south 20 degrees east 145 feet to a post; thence by the north side of Haines street (thirty feet from the center line thereof) south 70 degrees west 50 feet to the place of beginning. Containing 7250 square feet more or less, and being the same premises conveyed to the said James G. Lewis by Evan O. Kane by deed dated May 8th, 1891, and recorded in Recorder's office of McKean county in Deed Book Vol. 63, page 583, etc., on July 13th, 1891. Improved and having thereon one two-story frame house and usual outbuildings.

SECOND. Being part of Warrant No. 3166 and being lot No. 11 on Clay street: Beginning at a post in the west line of Clay street 160 feet from the southwest corner of Clay and Greeves streets; thence by the west line of Clay street (thirty feet from the center line thereof) south 20 degrees east 66 feet to a post; thence at right angles thereto south 70 degrees west 140 feet; thence parallel to Clay street north 20 degrees west 66 feet; thence at right angles thereto north 70 degrees east 140 feet to the place of beginning. Containing 9240 square feet of land more or less, and being the same premises conveyed to the said James G. Lewis by Elizabeth D. Kane by deed dated January 31st, 1896 and intended to be recorded. Improved and having thereon one two story frame house with ell, one shop and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of J. G. Lewis at the suit of The Ridgway Building and Loan Association.

N. C. MacEwen and F. H. Ely, plaintiff's attorneys.

J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa., Feb. 4, 1897.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 173, June Term, 1896.

McKEAN COUNTY, ss:—THE COMMONWEALTH of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Dora E. Guild did, on the 1st day of April, 1896, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said County, praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, William P. Guild.

We therefore command you, the said William P. Guild, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the County of McKean on the fourth Monday of February next to answer the petition or libel of Dora E. Guild, and show cause, if any you have why the said Dora E. Guild, your wife, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy. J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff.
Berry & Edgett, Libellant's Attorneys.
Smethport, Pa., Jan. 28, 1897.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 290, October Term, 1896.

McKEAN COUNTY, ss.—THE COMMONWEALTH of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Sarah J. Lorenz did on the 1st day of September, 1896, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county, praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, Philip Lorenz.

We therefore command you, the said Philip Lorenz, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the county of McKean, on the 4th Monday of February next, to answer the petition or libel of Sarah J. Lorenz, and show cause, if any you have, why the said Sarah J. Lorenz, your wife, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff.
W. E. Burdick, Libellant's Attorney.
Smethport, Pa., Jan. 28, 1897.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 162, October Term, 1896.

McKEAN COUNTY, ss.—THE COMMONWEALTH of Pennsylvania, to the sheriff of said county greeting:

Whereas, Wm. H. Aiken did, on the 21st day of July, 1896, prefer his petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county, praying for the causes therein set forth he might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, Jennie B. Aiken.

We therefore command you, the said Jennie B. Aiken, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the County of McKean, on the fourth Monday of February next, to answer the petition or libel of William H. Aiken and show cause, if any you have, why the said William H. Aiken, your husband, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy. J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff.
S. W. Smith, Libellant's Attorney.
Smethport, Pa., Jan. 28, 1897.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 103, June Term, 1896.

McKEAN COUNTY, ss:—THE COMMONWEALTH of Pennsylvania to the sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Wilhelmina Fryckholm by her next friend, H. Holm, did, on the 13th day of March 1896, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county, praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, Axel Theodor Fryckholm.

We therefore command you, the said Axel Theodor Fryckholm, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the county of McKean, on the fourth Monday of February next to answer the petition or libel of Wilhelmina Fryckholm, and show cause, if any you have, why the said Wilhelmina Fryckholm, your wife, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy. J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff.
N. C. MacEwen, Libellant's Attorney.
Smethport, Pa., Jan. 28, 1897.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 4, October Term, 1896.

McKEAN COUNTY, ss:—THE COMMONWEALTH of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Margaret M. Darrison by her next friend, Geo. Pritchford, did, on the 1st day of June, 1896, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county, praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, Oliver H. Darrison.

We therefore command you, the said Oliver H. Darrison, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the county of McKean on the fourth Monday of February next to answer the petition or libel of Margaret M. Darrison, and show cause, if any you have, why the said Margaret M. Darrison, your wife, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy. J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff.
M. H. Byles, Libellant's Attorney.
Smethport, Pa., Jan. 28, 1897.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 293, October Term, 1896.

McKEAN COUNTY, ss:—THE COMMONWEALTH of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Jane Ann Cole did on the 21st day of August 1896, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county, praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, Joseph Crandal Cole.

We therefore command you, the said Joseph Crandal Cole, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the County of McKean, on the fourth Monday of February next to answer the petition or libel of Jane Ann Cole and show cause, if any you have, why the said Jane Ann Cole, your wife, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy. J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff.
H. S. Rogers Libellant's Attorney.
Smethport, Pa., Jan. 28, 1897.

Administrator's Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT LETTERS of Administration on the estate of Ira S. Gleason, late of Smethport, McKean county, Pa., deceased, have been granted to R. C. Gleason, residing in Smethport, said county, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment at once, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay.

R. C. GLEASON,
Administrator.
Jan. 22, 1897.—3-t.

NOTICE.

To Commissioners and supervisors of McKean and adjoining counties. I am now prepared to furnish iron and steel bridges of any size or duplicate any bridge, do stone work and complete entire structure. Will furnish plans and specifications on application.

A. REILLY, Contractor,
49-1yr. Smethport, Pa.

Wanted—An Idea Who can think of some simple thing to patent? Protect your ideas; they may bring you wealth. Write JOHN WEDDERBURN & CO., Patent Attorneys, Washington, D. C., for their $1,800 prize offer and list of two hundred inventions wanted.

Cohn Brothers, BRADFORD, PA. | Cohn Brothers, BRADFORD, PA.

Stock-Taking Time

Now on hand. It is our custom before taking our annual inventory to place on special sale all remaining winter stuffs at greatly reduced prices. Every article has been made to feel the purse of quick selling and whether it be a pair of woolen hose or a fur jacket you may feel assured that the knife suffer both alike.

The old Price and the new Price are in plain figures—One Price.

Dress Goods. No matter how a dry goods store is judged your judgment is based upon their dress goods department. We claim to carry one of the finest and best selected stocks in our city. In medium priced goods we aim at quality and newness of weaves. In our high class novelties we carry exclusive patterns, confined to us alone. Lot all wool serges, cashmeres and novelties in choice colorings, formerly selling upwards to 35c. Inventory price 24c. Scotch novelties, silk and wool plaids; all this season's choice styles, 38 and 42 inches wide, some formerly sold as high as 80c. Inventory price 48c. Send for samples.

Corsets. Lot of corsets made by some of the best makers, broken sizes; mostly large, several colors and shapes; one of the grandest bargains ever offered. Some formerly selling as high as $1.50. Inventory price 35c. These will not last long and would advise an early attendance to secure one.

Yarns. We carry all colors and shades of one of the best makes in the market. To close lot of odd colors in Germantown Knitting Yarns we will place on sale about 500 skeins—brown, blue cardinal, red, tan, etc., formerly selling as high as 15c. Inventory price 5c.

Silk Clearance. Evening silks and rich novelties in colors and blacks, and all broken lines of high grade and medium priced silks, all made at price which will insure their speedy sale previous to inventory. Dark and medium colored fancy silks all very choice designs. Especially adapted for waists, etc. Inventory price 58c. Send for samples.

Cloaks. Previous to stock-taking we have made tremendous reductions in all our Jackets and Capes. Imported Irish Frieze Jackets, satin faced, inlaid velvet collar, straight button fronts and tailor made, reduced from $10 to $6. Embroidered Plush Capes trimmed in Thibet for well lined and finished reduced from $7.50 to $4.98.

COHN BROTHERS,
20 Main St. BRADFORD, PA.

New Firm.

New Goods.

New Location.

WATCH
THIS
SPACE
NEXT
WEEK.

PALACE PHARMACY.

Under the new management the store will be stocked with a new and complete line of

Drugs, Patent Medicines,
Toilet Articles, Perfumes, Soaps, Brushes, &c.

Parties in need of a TRUSS or EYE GLASSES will be greatly benefitted by giving us a call. As our stock is very large we will close them out at reduced prices.

BURG CHADWICK, M. D., Prop.,
Smethport, Penna.

JANUARY SALE!

This is the month for White Goods and ready made Muslin underwear.

We have on hand a fine assortment of those goods, which we are selling at very low prices and the sale will continue through this present month of January.

We have never offered such bargains in Remnants of Dress Goods, Underwear and Hosiery as we have on our counters of this time.

You will be surprised at the many real bargains offered.

Come and see—the goods will do the rest.

Mrs. T. D. Nash

Smethport, Pa., Jan. 14th, 1897.

ANDREWS & CONKLING. | ANDREWS & CONKLING.

IMPORTANT TO YOU- -

Our agent will be in Smethport about March 25th with a full line of New Carpets, Rugs, Tapestry, Chenille, Cotton and Silk Draperies, Lace Curtains, Ruffled Curtains, Fish Nets, Mattings, Linoleums, Etc.

If you are going to buy anything in NEW FURNISHINGS this spring

Wait for Our Salesman.

He has the low prices and can save you money. He will measure your room, give you estimates, guarantee your Carpet or Draperies to fit, and will be glad to see you.

Watch this space for further notice, and write us for information in our line. The Popular House-Furnishers,

ANDREWS & CONKLING,
127-129 UNION ST., OLEAN, N. Y.
We pay the Freight.
We sew the Carpet Free.

ECONOMICAL BUYING.

Many people know how much this store can save them. Many people don't. We are trying to reach those who don't. Those who do will come anyway. Some people would be willing to pay an extra price here, just to choose from such an enormous variety; but prices are lower than any competition can touch. We could never have second such a trade if they were not.

Stable Blankets.
30 styles for you to select from including the famous Burlington Blanket, the "stay on" kind. No straps or surcingles necessary.
Prices $1.15 up.

Horse Blankets.
Square ones—12 styles, including all the famous ones.
Prices $2.00 up.

Sleds.
About 25 styles of Children's Sleds and Cutters.
Leds 40c. up.
Cutters, $2.50 up.
The fastest sleds made for boys
The handsomest ones for girls.

Skates.
The most improved skates for all people—50c. up.
Sleigh Bells and Chimes.
Fur robes—warm lap robes.

Housekeeping Department.
Just as complete as any city in America can show. Aluminum Cooking Utensils, Labor-saving Kitchen Articles.

Lamps.
Handsome—Rochester Banquet Lamps as low as $1.75.
New style globes for lamps and gas fixtures. Princess Lamps.
Scarce two lamps alike.

China.
This China department is the marvel of this store. We keep 40 styles of Dinner Sets alone constantly in stock.
Dinner Sets from $7.00 up.

Stoves.
52 styles of Stoves here, including 20 styles of ranges. Our prices sell over 500 stoves each year. New Portable Mantel heaters.
Stoves from $3.00 up.

L. EMERY, JR., & CO.,
EMERY & WEAVER. Bradford, Pa.

Mention the Miner when writing or calling.

1897 JANUARY SALE. 1897

The saying is "wait until after the Holidays and you can buy goods much cheaper," and now the time has come, We propose to close out some of our line of Winter Goods, and if price will do it they will certainly go.

The weather has been mild and so it has been bad for wool underwear and if you want a bargain in this line we have got them. And the same on all wool goods

Our Shoe Department is up to date but we have collected together a line in Ladies' and Misses' which we are bound to let go and if you are in the need or if you do not need them at present it will be your benefit to call, for the price will be so low you can't help but purchase. Now we mean what we say; do not go to the city looking for bargains when you can get them right here at home. During the next 60 days we will give you special prices on all goods through the entire store.

Yours for Bargains,

D. C. YOUNG,
SMETHPORT, PA
Goods Sold Will be for Cash.

EXTRA!

CLEARING SALE

—OF—

FOOTWEAR.

About March 1st our Spring line of Shoes will arrive.

The stock is very extensive and our space limited, therefore we must dispose of the remainder of our shoes, bearing the impress of last season, in a hurry. We have made a big cut in the prices. You will do the rest.

Notice what we have to say next week.

F. G. Lindholm & Co.

GENERAL MERCHANTS,

Smethport, Pa.

Feb 5, 1897

Mention the *Miner* when writing or calling.

Remodeled

Sky light in Gleason's Gallery has recently been changed giving better north light.

A New Lens

has also been added. This is an imported lens and is one of the best manufactured. Sure to give better satisfaction than ever here.

GLEASON, The Photographer,

Smethport, Pa.

McKean County Miner

Entered at the postoffice at Smethport as second-class mail matter.

SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, FEB. 19, 1897.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

"Vas Marriage a Failure."

Vas marriage a failure? Vell, now, dot depends
Altogedder on how you look at it, mine friends.
Like dhose double-horse teams dot you see at der races,
It depends pooty mooch on der pair in der traces;
Ef dhey dond'd pull togeddher rightly off at der start,
Ten dimes oudt of nine dhey vas beddher apart.
Vas marriage a failure? I ask mine Katrine,
Und she look at me so dot I feel pretty mean;
Dhen she say: "Mr. Strauss, shust come here ouf you bleaze."
Und she dake me vhere Yawcob und leedle Lowezee
By dheir shmall trundle-bed vas shust saying dheir brayer.
Und she say, mit a smile: "Vos der some failures dhere?"

YACOB STRAUSS, in the Boston Pilot.

—Band dance next Monday.

—Criminal court next week.

—There are 22 inmates at Castle Davis

—Attend the band boys' dance next week.

—While attending court next week give us a call.

—Lindholm & Co. have a new adv. in this week's issue.

—Sleighing parties among the young people are popular.

—Mrs. H. L. McCoy entertained from 4 to 6 Thursday afternoon.

—Frampish Sam does get terribly excited over the most trivial matter.

—Mrs. J. H. Sowers' residence on Green street is receiving extensive repairs.

—John R. Chadwick is reported quite ill at his home in Keating township.

—The Row City Social Club will give one of their fine entertainments tonight.

—A well is to be drilled at Larabee for gas or oil immediately by the Devonian Oil Co.

—The band boys' dance next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday should be well attended.

—Mrs. Earl Shook gave a tea to the members of the C. L. S. C. on Thursday of last week.

—Joseph Holder will open a new grocery store in the opera house next to Well's drug store soon.

—Mrs. J. H. McCandless entertained a card party in a delightful manner last Saturday evening.

—The business card of Dr. A. E. Smith, specialist, of Olean will be found in the proper place.

—Mrs. Mitchell, in compliment to Miss Baines of Philadelphia, entertained some friends Tuesday evening.

—The Ladies' Aid had a fine supper at the M. E. chapel last Wednesday night. Twenty dollars were the receipts.

—The Bradley-Martin ball given in New York cost over $300,000. It cost something to pay the fiddler there.

—Last week the Misses Wright received from Oil City a bunch of handsome roses of different varieties. They were fine.

—James Herriman has been engaged for several days repairing and relaying the loose flag stones in the court house.

—All our Odd Fellows should strive to attend the anniversary convention of the order at Kane during the last week in April.

—Alex Clark has been putting up a telephone for D. C. Young from his residence to his lodge and stable on Water street.

—Mrs Lucius Rogers was confined to the house several days last week by a severe attack of rheumatism but has fully recovered.

—Miss Alice M. Badger arrived in town Saturday afternoon and will take charge of the hospital as matron this morning.—Monday's Era.

—Fred Belmont and Victor Fredrickson were committed to jail recently by Justice M. A. Jordan of Crosby on the charge of burglary.

—H. C. Wells has a new adv. in this issue. Harry knows how to run a drug store and is always prepared to supply the demands of the public.

—The band boys' have spared no pains in making preparation to entertain you next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Good music will be furnished.

—Mr and Mrs. Otho Gash of Bradford celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last Thursday night. About 100 invited guests were royally entertained.

—Business in our town is evidently booming. Three new business places just starting up, and a rumor out about starting a new railroad. Let 'er boom.

—In another column will be found the wall paper adv of C. Sasse. Mr. Sasse has an enviable reputation as a paper hanger, and his stock of paper is always complete.

—Friends of Miss S. A. Scull will be pleased to learn that she is able, by the aid of crutches, to move about her room, and in a short time will be her sprightly self again.

—We start a new double half column adv. for a new firm at a new location this week. This firm will furnish you fine goods at reasonable prices. They will not be undersold.

—There is a rumor that the United States will be annexed to Canada. It may seem a little strange at first. Future developments will explain the matter satisfactorily.

—Early Monday morning, says an exchange, the Second Presbyterian church of Williamsport was totally destroyed by fire. This was one of the finest churches in the city, valued at $35,000. Insurance $30,000.

—Little Fritz Klappenbach had a very narrow escape from serious injury one day last week by being run over by a heavy bobsled. It was a moment of anxiety, but he came out of it as bright as a dollar.

—The members of the Travelers' Club give a reception next Tuesday evening at the Epworth League chapel. The exercises will begin at 8 o'clock sharp. The members of the club will please be prompt in their attendance.

—Greenewald, 121 Main street, Bradford, gives our readers some advice about hats in his adv. on the first page this week. This old and reliable house is one of the best places in the State to buy clothing and gent's furnishings.

—If you were to drop all the pictures out of the Illustrated Buffalo Express it would still be one of the best general newspapers published. Its special features (more of them exclusive than syndicate) are invariably worth reading.

—Mr. Foster Studholm, the popular drug clerk for H. C. Wells, will be united in marriage to Miss Helen M., eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Hoover, at the residence of the bride's parents on Green street, Wednesday, Feb. 24, 1897.

—Professor Eckles and his class in physics visited Dr. McCoy's office on Tuesday last and the Doctor explained to them the different forms of electricity in medicine and their effect on the human body. This will be of infinite benefit to the students.

—G. B. Booth of Forest Lake, Susquehanna county, Pa., who has attended State college for one year and has had seven years' experience in the creamery business, has been secured by the management to take charge of the creamery here the coming season.

—"La France" wagon tires vary from four to ten inches in width, usually from four to six, depending upon the weight of the loads. Were such tires compulsory in America, the present good roads movement would receive a tremendous impetus.—Scientific American.

—Charles Latham of this place and W. H. Kerwin of Bradford are busily engaged in getting up a directory for Bradford and surrounding towns, taking in Smethport and Mt. Jewett. This directory will be as near perfect as anything can be. In fact a blind man could almost find his way by using it.

—Justice Knapp came near dislocating his jaw last Monday morning in performing the marriage ceremony of the following parties: Galumo Colapietro of Pittsburg and Miss Carmela Minsfetto of Hazelhurst. Our popular justice found it necessary to request his friends to make a judicious use of fans to revive him.

—The young man who was killed while stealing a ride on a freight train near Johnsonburg last Sunday, came here as a tramp and was taken care of by Mr. Chas Lemmler and Mr. King. He was lodged at the Chautauqua House. They paid his bill and sent him on his way rejoicing his name was Frank Gordon of Albany.

—Norwich township election resulted as follows: Supervisor, F. A. Gallup, 166; C. W. Dickison, 135; J. T. Darcy, 13; Sam Ballard, 81. School Directors F. B. Grantier, 127; A. S. Rifle, 132; E. V. Barbour 41. Collector, J. B. Oviatt, 148; W. B. Rirchey, 31. Town Clerk, A. G. McAllister, 137; W. S. Oviatt, 26. Auditors, C. W. Dickison, 125; M. Erhart 30.

—Last Wednesday night Will and Robert Burke and Earl Robbins of Eldred were brought to jail on the charge of burglary. Chas. Robbins, O. A. Rice and Eulic Welsh were also before Squire Moses on the same charge, but secured bail for their appearance at court. Two of the boys brought to jail were aged 14 years and the other 13 years. They had broken into W. B. Archibald's store and taken about $30 worth of goods.

—A lieutenant of the Fifth Royal Scots stationed at Montreal promises to wear his national dress at a wedding that he will attend in Memphis, Tenn. A distinctive feature of the dress is a pair of clean bare legs. Happily, for the dignity of the young officer this is not the most winter season in Memphis.—John Smith to Buffalo Express. But he will think he has landed among a lot of "New Jersey grasshoppers" when the fair damsels of Memphis point their lorgnetts at his pipe stem underpinnings.

—During the winter the Glee Club with their friends to the number of about thirty have been entertained every two weeks at different homes in our town, under the supervision of Mr. D. C. Young, acting for the St. Andrew's Brotherhood. Many very pleasant evenings have been spent and delightful hospitality extended, all of which has been thoroughly appreciated by the young men, who are warm in their praises and extend many sincere thanks. The last meeting of the season was held at Mrs. Henry Hamlin's.

—It is a fact that we are almost ashamed to announce that every entertainment, dance or other scheme entered into by the Smethport band for several years past has lacked the united aid of our people and for that reason our band has had a hard struggle to live and has been compelled to disband for lack of funds. When the band is asked to assist other organizations it renders its aid gratis, or at the lowest figures, and truly our boys are entitled to your aid. The band dances are always a success socially. Let our people make this one a success financially.

—Last Wednesday, at about 9:30 p. m., John McCarty started to move his family from Ormsby to Smethport, to get away from the diphtheria, which is reported to be quite prevalent there. Dr. McCoy became aware of their intentions and notified Burgess Brownell and James A. McKean, and at about 11 o'clock they went to the residence of Jerry McCarty. After considerable trouble an entrance was gained and the house quarantined. It is strange that where people have been exposed to this fell disease they should be so thoughtless as to expose others. Dr. Chadwick went to Ormsby yesterday and established a quarantine, and placed a man to see that it was properly carried out.

—In looking over the results of the election in this borough last Tuesday it is evident that the Republicans made themselves conspicuous by their absence. Last November the Republicans polled 196 votes and the Democrats 80 votes. Last Tuesday the head of the ticket, Mr Yerdon for burgess had 94 votes and Mr Hogarth his opponent 105 a total of 199 whereas last fall the total vote was 276, showing 77 stay-at-homes. We have no fault to find with the fortunate victors of the opposition. They are gentlemen and neighbors and will make competent officials. But we do murmur at the stay-at-home Republicans, who allowed equally good men to be defeated by their negligence.

—H. L. Pierce of Leominster, Mass., the chief promoter of the proposed trolley line between this city and Olean, is at the St. James. Mr Pierce is hopeful of the ultimate success of the project notwithstanding the reports to the contrary. Under a new arrangement Mr. Pierce and other eastern men will be able to take care of the proposed issue of bonds, with the exception of $20,000, which must be purchased by Olean and Bradford people. F. L. Bartlett of Olean, is confident that one-half of that amount can be taken care of in the City of Natural Advantages and it remains for Bradford and intermediate points to purchase the remainder, or $10,000 worth. If the bonds are disposed of, work on the road will be commenced early in the spring.—Era.

—The Smethport Entertainment Association will give the last number on the program Saturday, March 6. The Temple Quartette Concert Co, will be here on that date. From the reports and press notices there is no question that this last on the list will be the best of all. Do not miss it. "The closing entertainment in the course of the Worcester Co. Mechanics' Association, held last evening in Mechanics' Hall, proved one of the most successful of the series. The attraction was the Temple Quartette of Boston, and the large audience frequently gave evidence of pleasure at the excellence of the programme. The singing of the quartette both in concert and in the solos was some of the best that has ever been given by male voices in Worcester.—Worcester, Mass., Telegram.

—Last Tuesday afternoon Will Gifford and Norman Keefer gave a surprise to a large number of the members of the Brown Hive and a few Knights at the Tent. A short program was presented: Mrs William Gifford presided. Sheridan Gorton and W. H. Morrison made brief and appropriate addresses. Mrs Gifford and Miss Myrtle Gifford read some very funny and entertaining articles. This closed their part of the entertainment. Here came an entirely new inovation each guest was handed a plate on which was something that looked like a paper napkin, but when unfolded proved to be a valentine of huge proportions of the most grotesque kind painted in all the colors of the rainbow and most laughable in appearance. This set the whole crowd in an uproar, and proved the taking event of the occasion. Then followed excellent coffee, crackers, cheese, cakes and fine fruit. These little meetings are what adds to the pleasures of life. They are impromptu, inexpensive, and no great trouble to arrange. Give us some more.

Home Talent Entertainment.

For some time several of our young people, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Stone late of Thorn's Comedians, have been holding secret sessions at the opera house. Last Tuesday night the outcome of these meetings resulted in a very happy surprise to a large number of our people, in the presentation of a comedy drama known as "Trixs, or Beyond the Rockies." When the curtain rose the stage presented "Zenas Grimes'" barroom, with J. C. Backus as dispenser of drinks, Ross Knapp as heavy villian and Herman Tull and Rudolf Sasse as well-to-do miners out for a little refreshment, with Ben W. Stone as judge of the court, Bert Bard as "Hallelujah Billy," and Bessie Marie Gordon as "Trixs".

The opening act assured the audience that something was in store for them, and they were not disappointed, for all rendered their parts nicely. At the close of this act John Pearsall formerly of Coudersport, but now located here, gave an exhibition of waltz clog dancing, and he pleased the audience so well that they called him out twice.

Second act shows a miner's cabin, and in this act the villian gets in his work by killing Zenas Grimes the barkeep, and succeeds in laying the blame on poor Nat Webber (Mr. Sasse). The next act shows the western court in session for the trial of the murderer, and here some funny scenes are enacted, resulting in the release of the prisoner and conviction of the villian, who escapes. Trixs, the heroine of the plot, holds the audience enraptured by her lightning-like changes of mood and character, and discovers in Mrs. Roble (Mazie Dunn) her long lost mother, and, with much regret, is taken away from her mountain home.

Between the third and fourth acts Clinton Hall, Albert Warren and Thomas Young sang some of their finest selections. The sweet voices of these gentlemen captured the audience and they were encored twice.

The play wound up with a scene at Miss Prim's female seminary in New York city, Madge Rifle playing Miss Prim with success. The villian appears here as principal of the school but he is discovered and justice is eventually meted out. Everyone filled their part with marked success, and should they visit any of the surrounding towns the people will be well entertained.

Ladies' Chorus Society.

Last Monday evening a meeting of ladies interested in music was held in the old Episcopal church, resulting in the formation of the Smethport Ladies' Choral Society. The object of the society is for the study and practice of vocal music. With this view essays will be read before each meeting, and afterwards choruses, etc., will be practiced. The society is under the direction of Mr. and Mrs Bert-rand Mullette. The first meeting will be held next Monday evening at 7:30 in the old Episcopal church, the essay being on "Singing." To cover expenses and cost of music tickets are issued at 40 cents a month, (being 10 cents a week). All ladies interested in the musical life of the town are cordially invited to attend.

A Reminder of Army Life.

Mr. Lon Smith, editor of the Commercial, Meveradale, Pa., says: "A chronic diarrhoea that returns at frequent intervals, as a reminder of army life, has been more effectually controlled by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy than any other I have ever used. It possesses true merit." For sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

J. C. Gallup has contracted with the Johnston Harvesting Machinery Co., of Batavia, N. Y., and will sell their line of harvesting machinery for 1897, in this section. Do not purchase until you see their up-to-date machines.

House to Rent.

Inquire of B. T. Downey. Cheap at $6.00 per month; water free. Possession given on the first of April. 6tf

House to Rent.

House with seven rooms, piped for gas and water. Price $6.00 per month. Water free. Inquire of

D. C. YOUNG.

PERSONAL MENTION.

W. H. Olmsted visited Buffalo Saturday.

"Prince Bismarck" spent Sunday at Gardeau.

Mrs. E. C. Thamm visited Eldred last Friday.

Mrs. D. C. Young visited Olean friends this week.

Attorney Rogers was down from Mt. Jewett Thursday.

J. C. Breneman of Bradford greeted friends here yesterday.

C. K. Sartwell started for Olean Tuesday for a few day's visit.

Miss M. M. Wicks of Olean was a guest at the Central Tuesday.

Mrs. Emma Sprague of Buffalo arrived in town Monday night.

A. T. Palmer enjoyed a pleasant sleigh ride to Olean last Sunday

M. A. Lillibridge of Port Allegany was in town on business Monday.

Chas. Oberg and John Dorr of Mt. Jewett were in town Wednesday.

J. W. Bouton and wife visited the Bison city by Lake Erie Tuesday.

Mrs. Carrie G. Smith of Bradford spent Sunday with friends in town

Jas. A. McKean and W. D. Gallup visited Port Allegany friends Sunday.

C. F. Kaufman of Eldred was a pleasant caller at this office Wednesday.

Misses Ella and Lena Wright started for Philadelphia last Tuesday night.

E. R. Nash of Rixford kindly remembered the MINER while here Wednesday.

Mrs. Jacob Hafner of Clermont was a guest of friends in town last Friday.

C. W. Fry arrived last Wednesday for a short visit with his brother, Sanford.

Corwin Wilder of Derrick City was greeting his many friends in town Wednesday.

Gus McClure and J. C. Chase of Buffalo were guests at the Wright House Tuesday.

Mrs. Belle Curtis of Kane was in town, en route to Olean the latter part of last week.

Mrs. S. D. Weaver accompanied her husband down from Kane last Monday for a visit.

Mrs. Elizabeth Haynes of Philadelphia has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Mitchell.

Mrs. T. R. Taylor was called to Philadelphia last Saturday to attend the funeral of her mother.

Mrs. John Servatius has been visiting friends in Buffalo for a few days, and John is inconsolable.

Mr. and Mrs. James McGuier and daughter, Edith, enjoyed a pleasant drive to Bradford Monday.

Rev. J. W. Sanborn left Sunday for Gowanda, N. Y., to attend the funeral of the late Judge Woodward.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Crandall of Coudersport were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lemmler Saturday and Sunday.

George Johnson, a bright young traveling man, from Emporium, was a guest at the Wright House over Sunday.

G. G. Nichols of Duke Centre, an old newspaper man, was a very pleasant caller last Wednesday while in town.

County Commissioners Davis, Young and Hungiville, with T. H. Ryan as master of ceremonies, drove to Eldred on business yesterday.

Charles Miller of the Central visited Gardeau over Sunday and indulged in the mineral water found in that region to his heart's content.

Rev. J. Heber McCandless started for Pittsburg last Tuesday where he will spend about ten days visiting among friends and relatives.

W. P. Eckels principal of the public school, with the teachers of the same, is attending a teachers' convention at Mt. Jewett this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Forrest, Mrs. Eugenia Hamlin, Paul Hamlin and Miss Hamlin will leave the first of the week for an extended southern tour.

Mr. Cutler of New York City has been spending some time in Smethport. He is a graduate of Harvard College and an athlete of no mean ability.

Samuel Barnes of Hazel Hurst was a pleasant caller at this office last Wednesday. Mr. Barnes has been a subscriber to the MINER ever since it started.

Mrs. J. A. McKean and son, Daisy, of Smethport came over Saturday to visit her brother-in-law, Wm. Hubbard and family.—Monday's Kane Republican.

County Commissioner W. A. Young took a party of 6 young children to Clermont last Sunday and all enjoyed a pleasant repast at Lloyd & Smith's popular hostlery.

Sanford Fry, Miss Ora King, O. J. Hamlin, Miss Corinne Mason, Dr. E. R. Baker and Miss Grace McCoy attended the Cecelia concert in Port Allegany Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Rifle and son, Benny, of Burtville were calling on friends in town last Tuesday while on their way to Kane. Mr. Rifle was a pleasant caller at the MINER.

A Letter From H. C. Taylor.

The following letter received from H. C. Taylor of Bergamot, Elk county, by G. W. Olmsted, brother of W. H. Olmsted, who had been charged in some of our exchanges as having taken $500 in money from his employer, Mr. H. C. Taylor, is freely published. Mr W. H. Olmsted has been a resident of our town since last June and has conducted himself in a very commendable manner. Here it is:

BERGAMOT, ELK CO., PA., Feb. 17, '97.
GEORGE W. OLMSTED,

DEAR FRIEND:—In reply to yours of the 16th would say that I was never so surprised in my life as I was when I saw that in the Johnsonburg paper. I went to the office at once and stated to the editor that it was not correct; and that I did not understand why they should publish anything like that without consulting me about it. As he got the information in Glen Hazel, why did he not come and see me, as he well knew that I was connected with it; that he should see me before printing. He said that he was very sorry and that he would print any correction that I see fit to make, so I wrote like this:

"Editor Breeze, Johnsonburg.

"Dear Sir:—You must have been misinformed regarding the charges against W. H. Olmsted, as they are not correct.

Yours truly,
H. C. Taylor."

I am going to Ridgway to see Baker & Moorehouse so to stop it from being published in the Advocate, as it has not been yet, and to correct the Evening Star.

Yours truly,
H. C. TAYLOR.

Election Returns.

Following are the elections returns for Smethport borough and Keating township, election held last Tuesday:

REPUBLICAN.	DEMOCRATIC.
Burgess:	Burgess:
J. A. Yerdon 94.	L. K. Hogarth 105.
Councilmen:	Councilmen:
F. Kerns, 2 years, 93; B. Chadwick, 3 years, 102; S. Ramer, 3 years, 96.	C. Sasse, 2 years, 115; John Kinney, 3 years, 90; Roswell Sartwell, 3 years, 95
Justice of the Peace:	Justice of the Peace:
P. Ford 95	W. Stark 99
School Directors:	School Directors:
C. K. Sartwell 96; E. L. Keenan 115.	J. E. Shook 90; J. A. Holder 96.
Collector:	Collector:
J. C. Gallup 75.	E. T. Daly 127.
High Constable:	High Constable:
D. E. Hibbard 122	Geo. Greer 77.
Auditor:	Auditor:
Oscar Engstrom 91	J. E. Mullin 104.
Judge of Election:	Judge of Election:
J. H. Beaver 126.	John Cramer 70.
Inspector of Election:	Inspector of Election:
C. H. Burlingame 119.	Job Hungerford 73.

KEATING TOWNSHIP.

Supervisors—Frank Fritz, R., 278; L. Herzog, R., 256; A. G. Farley D., 191; T. L. Smith, D., 125.

School Directors—James Quirk, D., 207; Miller Stickles, R., 278; W. L. Oviatt, D., 147; G. T. Lattimer, R., 149.

Collector—H. H. Frisbee, R., 249; A. A. Daly, D., 158.

Clerk—H. D. Otto, D., 211; Clarence Powell, R., 175.

Not long ago a farmer who lives three miles from here, came to my store before breakfast and bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He said their little boy had a bad cold, and as they had used what they had in the house his wife would not let him go to plow until he came and got another bottle. The little boy, who was with him, remarked: "Now I will soon be well, for Chamberlain's 'toff' medicine always cures me." R. C. McElroy, Black Hawk, Pa. In speaking of this remedy Mr. McElroy said people came from far and wide to his store to get it, and many of them would not know what to do without it. For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

The old way of delivering messages by post-boys compared with the modern telephone, illustrates the old tedious methods of breaking colds compared with their almost instantaneous cure by One Minute Cough Cure. A. W. Colegrove, Smethport, A. E. Stickles, East Smethport.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MT. ALTON.

Lima Aldrich met with quite a serious accident the other day while engaged in connecting a gas engine. Something was wrong and the engine was disconnected. Mr. Aldrich was lying on his back and lighted a match to investigate when the gas in the engine was ignited, burning his face severely.

G. S. Miller of Riterville had one side of his face quite badly burned by the exhaust from an engine one day last week. He had the engine set and in some way it turned over, the exhaust knocking him down.

Authors is said to be all the rage at Mr. Haley's.

CLERMONT.

The L. O. T. M. of Clermont will have a dance at the opera house on Monday night, Feb. 22. Do not forget to go and bring your best girl, no matter whether she is a member or not.

There was one of the hottest elections held here this week that this town has seen for many years. It resulted in a victory for the regular nominees, with a slight exception.

What is the matter with the parties that were going to start the tinshop and hardware store here. I hope they have not given up the idea.

Our new clothing store is doing a land office business these days. They are offering great inducements.

Splendid sleighing we are having these days and most elegant winter weather.

ANNIN CREEK.

S. E. Cooper and wife went to Mina Saturday to visit their daughter, Mrs. Frank Hodge.

Miss Kate Wood of Lewis Run was calling on F. K. Winship's people last week.

S. E. Wightman and wife visited friends at Allentown, N. Y., over Sunday.

C. H. Holcomb and S. E. Wightman drove to Rixford Monday.

Mrs. F. K. Winship was in Port Allegany the first of the week.

Will Alson was down from Coudersport the first of the week.

The Black Ball.

Black balls? Let us look at one a moment. It is no bigger than the white, but it is larger than a foot ball and weighs more if cast from unworthy motives. It will fall with a thud and lay like lead upon the heart. No brother or sister can afford to cast one for any other reason than that the applicant is a person not worthy to become a member. They are intended for no other purpose. If a brother is so fortunate as to become a member before some one with whom he has had personal or business differences shall apply, there is no written or implied law in Odd Fellowship that gives him the privilege of rejecting that applicant if he is a worthy man. We must discriminate. We must not permit those to enter who are unworthy of us; we must not keep out those who are. Black balls! What a power you are, to build or to blacken, to make or destroy, to give hope or despair. If wrongfully used no lodge can stand; if rightly, none can fall.—Talisman.

A Communication.

DEAR EDITOR:—Please allow me space in the dear old MINER to answer the article from an exchange which appeared in last week's issue warning the public to give peddlers the go by and buy of the merchants at home, who sell better goods for less price. You are simply mistaken a peddler can not go beyond his strength and endurance. He can only carry so many pounds of goods and they must be the finest and best goods to have a good deal of money in a small pack. If cheap trash it would not board him while selling it. As to giving to the church and the poor, the blind cannot lead the blind neither can the poor give to the poor although I have done the same many a time and attend church now and then and always leave a little money there, and I am a peddler. As to the expense of the merchant and tax, what peddler would not be more than willing to pay the same if he only had the property to pay the tax on, and what peddler would peddle one day if he could do anything else? They are all invalids or people who know how to do nothing else and all must have a living. There is room for all. Buy of all and all will be happy.

"A PEDDLER.

A Tour to Florida via Pennsylvania R. R.

When the north is at its worst Florida is at its best. When the lakes and rivers are icebound here and a drifting snow fills our streets the violets are blooming there and the air is laden with the sweet perfume of budding spring. When old Boreas howls around our northern homes and the frost king rules, the mocking bird is singing around Florida's graceful palms and the whole land is melodious with happy song. The elegant special trains of the Pennsylvania Railroad Jacksonville tours are fitting introductions to this delightful land. The next tour, allowing two weeks in Florida, leaves New York and Philadelphia under personal escort February 23. Round trip tickets, including Pullman accomodations and meals on the special train, will be sold at the following rates: From New York, $50.00; Philadelphia, $48.00; Canandaigua, $52.85; Erie, $54.85; Pittsburg, $53 and at proportionate rates from other points.

For tickets and itineraries apply to ticket agents, Tourist Agent, 1196 Broadway, New York, or to Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

Reduced Rates to Washington on Account of the Inauguration via Pennsylvania Railroad.

For the benefit of those who desire to attend the ceremonies incident to the inauguration of President-elect McKinley, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to Washington March 1, 2, 3 and 4, valid to return March 4 to 8, at the following rates:

From Buffalo, $11.20; Rochester, $11.00; Wellington, N. Y., $11.70; Newark, N. Y., $11.20; Canandaigua, $11.00; Penn Yan, $11.00; Watkins, $11.00; Elmira, $10.75; Erie, 11.00; Corry, $10.75; Warren, $10.75; Williamsport, $8.70; Wilkesbarre, $9.40, and from all other stations on the Pennsylvania system at reduced rates.

This inauguration will be a most interesting event, and will undoubtedly attract a large number of people from every section of the country.

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Smethport, Pa.

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PAY STATION.

An Ordinance

REPEALING AN ORDINANCE RELATING to the laying out and opening of a new street, to be called Willow street.

Be it ordained and enacted by the Burgess and Town Council of the borough of Smethport, McKean county, Penna., and it is hereby ordained and enacted by authority of the same, that the ordinance relating to the laying out and opening of a new street to be called Willow street, which reads as follows:

Be it ordained and enacted by the Burgess and Council of the borough of Smethport, McKean county, Penn., and it is hereby ordained and enacted by authority of the same, that a new street be ordered, and laid out and opened as follows, to-wit:

Said street shall be thirty-four feet in width and shall be called Willow street, and the centre line of which street shall be located as follows: Beginning at an iron post standing in the center of Nelson street 15½ rods north from a stone in the center of Bank and Nelson streets; thence running west to Mechanic street and that said street shall be opened for public use. Passed the 14th of Dec., 1896.

Be and the same is hereby repealed.
Passed Feb'y 8, 1897.

FRANK KERNS,
President.

Attest:
A. T. PALMER, Secretary.
Approved Feb'y 10, 1897.
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F. W. BROWNELL, Burgess.

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LIJER.

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the little stand near the window where my hand was about to be bandaged.''

But the ring was not there! Mrs. Baxter looked carefully about the floor, but no ring appeared.

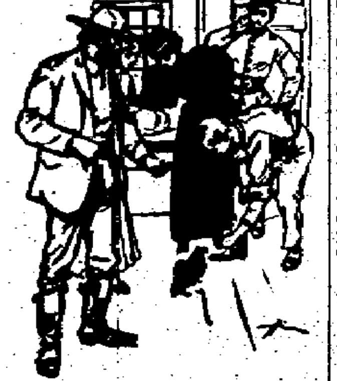
"I—I"— she began, looking worried and half frightened.

"I placed it there," said Miss Rossiter. "It has been stolen!"

"Do you mean that"—

"It has been stolen!" repeated the visitor. "I feel sure that boy stole it!"

"I never! I never!" cried Dobby. The idea of thus being accused set his heart to beating wildly. "I didn't see your ring at all, ma'am!"



The prophet uttered a *feeble* "whoor-hoor-ha-a-a!"

"You must have seen it when you placed the pitcher of water on the stand and"—

"But I didn't," protested Dobby. "'Deed an double, I didn't!"

And the pompous appearing officer looked into the lad's honest, troubled face and felt that he told the truth.

"Miss Rossiter," he began, "isn't it possible"—

"No, sir!" interrupted that lady decidedly. "That boy stole my ring, and if he does not return it instantly he must be arrested."

"I didn't, 'deed an double"—

Little Martha burst into a howl of fear. A rough looking man was just stepping in at the open doorway.

"Oh, Mr. Cash, you won't arrest Dobby?" cried the child. "Please don't!"

"'Rest Dobby?" snorted the newcomer. "Waal, I reckon not! Sorter dropped in to see if you folks had noticed Injun Jim sneakin yarabouts. He"—

"Are you an officer?" questioned Miss Rossiter.

"Yes, mom—constable. Name's Cash. What"—

"Arrest that boy," the lady commanded, "unless he instantly returns my diamond ring, which he has just stolen!"

"Oh, don't arrest Dobby! Please don't!" cried little Martha.

"My boy would not steal," said Mrs. Baxter heavily. "Dobby is a good boy."

Her chin quivered as she spoke. Little Martha was almost choking with sobs, and Dobby was very close to the crying point. The idea of being arrested seemed very terrible to these honest souls.

The lieutenant looked several times as if on the point of speaking, but refrained. Miss Rossiter was the guest of his commanding officer and must not be offended.

"Mom," began the constable, "I don't reckon Dobby'd"—

"Will you or will you not arrest him?" interrupted the lady impatiently.

"I s'pose I'll haf to," admitted the constable reluctantly, "if you make a complaint, but you'll haf to go before Squire Ashburn. But I don't believe"—

"What you believe or do not believe has nothing to do with the case. The ring must be returned at once, or"—

"I haven't got it!" cried Dobby.

"Then it must be paid for! It cost my father $250, and"—

"We have no money"— began poor Mrs. Baxter.

"Mr. Constable, do your duty! These people"—

And then there was wailing in the little weather beaten house. Martha just simply howled, Mrs. Baxter broke down, and even Dobby sniffed a little.

"I'll haf to do my duty, Dobby," said the constable. "But I don't believe you're guilty."

"Neither do I," said the straight backed lieutenant suddenly.

There was a fluttering sound at the door, and Lijer, the prophet, staggered in, looking as if he had been very hardly used. Some of his feathers were out, and others looked as if they had been ruffled the wrong way. One wing dragged as if broken, and as he staggered feebly across the room to Dobby he left a few spots of blood on the floor. At the boy's feet he stopped, unable to hop into his lap, but he held up his bill, and in it glistened the lost diamond ring. As Dobby took the jewel the prophet uttered a feeble "whoor-hoor-ha-a-a!" of satisfaction and settled down on the floor completely exhausted.

"My ring!" cried Miss Rossiter. "How"—

Skinny Jackson and little Joe Rinden slid in at the open door.

"We've brung back the lady's hoss," said the foremost. "He's tied out to the fence, an I reckon it's worth 'bout a haifer dollar, bein's we've be'n chasin him for the last half hour."

"Oh, you've got Lijer!" said the other as soon as the first speaker had concluded. "We told Injun Jim if he didn't let the crow alone we'd tell Mr. Cash on him!"

"What do you mean?"

"Waal, while we was chasin the hoss we saw Injun Jim sneak away from here an Lijer flyin along after him. The Injun took to the gully in a little while, so we couldn't see him, but Lijer kept flyin along above as if follerin him."

The boy proceeded [illegible], owing to their attention being taken up with the horse, they had forgotten the crow for a few minutes. When they looked again, they saw him fly out of a thicket and alight in the top of a small tree. Then the Indian appeared, and they saw him fire a shot from his revolver at Lijer and saw the prophet tumble from his perch and alight in the big fork of the tree, high above the Indian's head. They shouted the threat to inform Mr. Cash, which seemed to frighten the Indian, for he plunged into the gully and disappeared. As soon as they captured the horse it was their intention to go with Dobby to the rescue of the crow. Before the story was done Constable Cash had rushed away in pursuit of Injun Jim.

"The explanation is simple," said the straight backed lieutenant. "The half breed, in sneaking toward the gully, approached the house and looked in at the window in hope that there might be an opportunity to steal something and discovered and took the ring. The crow, guided perhaps by subtle intelligence, followed him and as the Indian stopped to gloat over his prize in the gully swooped down and snatched it away from him. Who will say that he was not a hero in dragging his broken wing all this long way home, enduring all this agony that he might lay his trophy at his master's feet?"

"Lieutenant," said Miss Rossiter shortly, "we must go. Mrs. Baxter, how much do I owe you for the inconvenience I have caused you?"

"Nothing," answered Dobby's mother. "Money cannot pay for suffering. Goodby!"

Shamefaced Joe followed the lady and the officer out to the horse. Presently Skinny came back.

"When the woman wasn't lookin," he said, "that pompous feller handed me this an whispered fer me to give it to Dobby."

"This" was a bright goldpiece.

That was last autumn. Lijer's broken wing healed long ago, but it droops a little, making him look more rakish and rascally than ever.

THE END.

FARM GARDEN

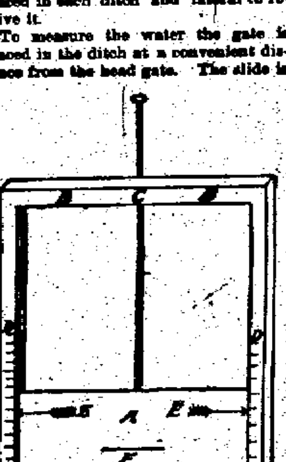
A NEW MEASURING GATE.

Adapted to Everyday Use In the Ordinary Irrigation Ditch.

A new measuring gate, the invention of a Colorado man, consists simply of a sliding gate (A) in a frame (B). The gate can be secured in any position by a set screw at the top of the frame (C), or by any other suitable means. On the sides of the frame are scales (D D) to indicate fixed quantities of water in cubic feet, statutory inches or any measurement required. On the slide are fixed indicators (E E) adjusted to point to the scales on the frame, and a fixed line (F) across the face of the gate called the water line.

The gate can be either placed as a fixture in a ditch or can be used as a portable instrument, a suitable frame being placed in each ditch and lateral to receive it.

To measure the water the gate is placed in the ditch at a convenient distance from the head gate. The slide is then raised until the water line (F) is at the level of the flowing water, the indicators then pointing to the amount of water passing through the aperture thus created (G). In order to turn out a given quantity of water into a ditch or lateral all that is necessary is to raise the slide until the indicators point to the required amount and then raise the head gate until the water level stands at the water line on the slide.



FOR IRRIGATION DITCHES.

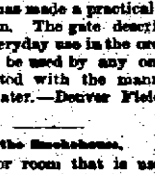
In actual use the velocity of the water is not a factor in the measurement, the velocity of each ditch being brought to a constant by the slide which creates a fixed pressure for all quantities of water. It follows that the grade of the ditch does not make any difference to the machine. Care of course must be taken to see that the water in the ditch flows away freely and that the velocity is not so great that the stream dashes up against the gate. As long as the water stands quietly against the gate absolutely accurate measurement is obtained, and this condition can be secured on even steep grades by the use of a low weir board.

The scales being calculated from the ordinary formula in use for determining the amount of water passing through an aperture under pressure, their accuracy can be easily verified. There is nothing new in the system of calculation. The use of a fixed pressure and a variable aperture are the means by which the single scale is obtained. From the fact that the gate can be shut down until the aperture is reduced to a minimum in depth and the water coming down the ditch must be stopped at the gate until it rises and reaches the water line, it follows that any quantity of water, however small, can be measured. One can always get the required head.

The great inaccuracy of measuring water by the velocity method in ordinary ditches and the difficulty of establishing a perfect weir and of making the necessary corrections for varying velocities of approach are apparent to every one who has made a practical study of the question. The gate described is adapted to everyday use in the ordinary ditch and can be used by any one who is unacquainted with the manner of measuring water.—Denver Field and Farm.

In the Smokehouse.

The house or room that is used for smoking hams and other meat or fish is usually entered for the replenishing of the fire only at the expense of smarting eyes. It is suggested in the New York Tribune to build the fire, of cobs or chips, from the woodyard in an old iron kettle and suspend it from the ceiling by a stout wire reaching nearly to the floor. Attach another wire to one side of the pot and carry it to the door. To replenish the fire simply open the door, swing the kettle to the opening and throw on the fuel, standing outside meanwhile in the pure air.



DEVICE FOR SMOKE-HOUSE.

San Jose Scale.

Soap washes have proved most satisfactory in New Jersey and other eastern states, and two pounds of good whale oil soap in one gallon of water, carefully and thoroughly applied, has been absolutely successful in so many cases that its use is confidently recommended in a bulletin on the subject issued from the New Jersey state station.

Heroic Treatment.

They had been married less than a year when she noticed that her husband staid out late at nights, and when he did come home was apt to be noisy and demonstrative. On his part, William observed that he could never find a knife to cut a bite to eat, and that even the family shears were out of reach, while his razors at such times were locked up and the key hidden.

He did not say much because he was not in a condition to talk, and when he was sober he did not care to refer to the past.

But he grew worse instead of better, and one night he went home at a late hour and found the hall brilliantly lighted; and on a table under the gas an assortment of all the cutlery in the house. Knives, scissors and razors alluringly open met his unsteady gaze.

"M-m-mary," he called, "w-w-what d-oes t-this m-mean?"

"It means," she answered from the top of the staircase, "that ever since you've been cutting up in this manner I've been afraid you would do as you threatened to do—kill yourself with some of those things."

"Y-y-e-s, M-a-ry."

"Now I'm beginning to be more afraid that you won't, so I thought I'd give you every possible chance."

There was a sound of cutlery by night, mingled with forcible though unsteady words, and William has remained at home every evening up to date.—Detroit Free Press.

A recent estimate places the number of horses in the world in 1896 at 64,-000,000; in 1894 at 67,254,000.

Be ready to mulch the strawberries as soon as the ground freezes.

RUN OUT PASTURE LANDS.

Renovating Methods Practiced by Eastern Farmers of Experience.

Consider first the causes which have contributed to bring the pasture to its present condition. To improve a 100 acre pasture, make three equal parts of it by fencing and begin improvements on the portion partly plowed. Plow at any time of the year when a day or week can be spared, but for seeding down do so early in August. Apply liberally of phosphate of lime in the shape of ground bone and dissolved boneblack and potash in the shape of wood ashes, say 60 bushels to an acre, and more if it can be afforded. Light applications of fertilizers are disappointing, especially where a soil is lean and hungry. Apply half a ton each of dissolved boneblack and ground bone per acre in addition to the ashes, all to be harrowed in thoroughly on the furrows. After the grass seed is sown and harrowed in sow on 200 pounds nitrate of soda per acre and bush down the land thoroughly. The three divisions suggest a period of rest for each, so that practically the stock will have a fresh bite all the time. At any time during the growing season 100 pounds nitrate of soda per acre, mixed with a cartload of fine soil will be very beneficial. Allow of a generous bite remaining when stock are removed in the fall, for short and severe cropping weakens the plants.

Whatever course is taken, top dress with rich material, either in fall or early spring. As to seeding, stock with barley, using a mixture of red top, June grass and timothy. Pasture land has been improved by continued plowing one season, then sowed to winter rye and stocked with a mixture of grass seed and used for pasture in spring, the cattle keeping the rye closely cropped, the grass thus securing a good start.

A Connecticut farmer has made success by tiling and then sowing buckwheat as early as spring frosts are past. Sow rye with grass seed, timothy and redtop, and the next spring sow six quarts per acre of red clover or alsike or the two mixed. Feed but lightly in the fall after the rye is harvested. Buckwheat may be sown about July 1 for a crop, or the Silver Hull or Japanese in June. Sometimes, with a light seeding of buckwheat, grass and clover will take very well. For this sow one-half bushel buckwheat per acre; for plowing in same, one bushel per acre. A ton of a good nitrogenous phosphate will help the buckwheat, but ground bone will prove more durable to help the pasture.

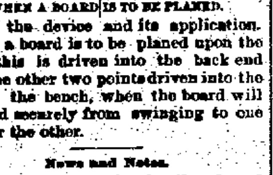
But in this work do not undertake too much. Leave the poorest portions and concentrate on the richer until all the best is brought up to its highest state of productiveness. Concentrate, use a silo, buy all the concentrated feeds and fertilizers the farm income will justify, and the fertile, paying acres will soon crowd the robber acres from the farm. The foregoing is a summary of methods successfully adopted by New York and New England farmers of experience and reported to The New England Homestead.

The Hay Ration.

At the Maine station an experiment was made with three milk cows which covered three periods of four weeks each. The cows received the same ration of grain and silage in all the periods, except that in the first and last periods they received 13 pounds of hay per day (5 pounds being given as a noon feed) and in the second period only 8 pounds. The testimony of this experiment is unfavorable to the smaller ration of hay. The withdrawal of the noon feed of 5 pounds of hay resulted in, first, a diminished flow of milk; second, a loss of weight of the animals, and, third, an appearance of unthriftiness in the cows. Although the cows lost flesh and diminished greatly in their product, the quality of the milk seems not to have been influenced.

For the Farm Workbench.

A convenient device for the workbench is made by a blacksmith from an old flat file or strip of iron. The illustration, from the New York Tribune, shows the device and its application. When a board is to be planed upon the face, this is driven into the back end and the other two points driven into the top of the bench, when the board will be held securely from swinging to one side or the other.



WHEN A BOARD IS TO BE PLANED.

News and Notes.

If not in full supply of soil and sand for hotbeds, better secure these at once.

Silage is of most value when fed in combination with other food richer in protein. It is not a complete food.

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In the burning of green wood nearly one-half the heat is lost in evaporating the water contained in it.

Turnips will not only bear frost without injury, but it is the belief of many farmers that their quality is improved after the first frost.

Horse breeders are not hopeful for the future. Decline in values is not sectional.

Cottonseed meal and cotton hull ashes—there's a wonderful fertilizer for truck. With a little nitrate of soda added, it ought to give great results, says Rural New Yorker.

Efforts are being made to stir up interest in the Angora goat.

English farmers want the bicycle taxed because it has nearly ruined the horse trade.

Does it Pay to be Sick?

Besides the discomforts and suffering, illness of any sort is expensive. Hundreds of people consult the doctors every day about coughs and colds. This is better than to suffer the disease to run along, but those who use Otto's Cure for the throat and lungs do better still. It costs less and the cure is certain. You can get a trial bottle free of our agents, A. W. Colegrove, Smethport; C. M. Benson, Colegrove; S. W. Stickney, Newerf.

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"Excuse me," observed the man in spectacles, "but I am a surgeon and that is not where the liver is." "Never you mind where his liver is," retorted the other. "If it was in big toe or his left ear DeWitt's Little Early Risers would reach it and shake it for him. On that you can bet your gig-lamps." A. W. Colegrove, Smethport A. E. Stickles, East Smethport.

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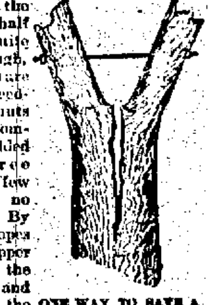
WIND SPLIT TREES.

How These May Be Saved by Aid of Bolt and Nuts.

In a public park in one of our large cities a magnificent specimen of the white ash which had been long famed for its magnificent size and fine proportions was ordered taken down by the park superintendent because it had been wind shaken in some such manner as indicated in the sketch, and it was regarded as dangerous to life in that condition. Tears were actually shed by some tender hearted tree lovers over the fallen trunk. Meehan's Monthly after citing the foregoing has the following to say concerning the treatment of wind split trees:

It does not seem to be generally known that such injuries may be assisted by a bolt and nuts, as shown in the sketch. A half inch rod is quite strong enough, and inch nuts are all that is needed. The nuts will become completely imbedded by the tree growth in a few years, with no bad result. By the help of ropes on the upper portion of the branches and help from the wrench on the nuts the cleft can be drawn together so closely that the wood will eventually grow together again—that is, the new growth will cover the cleft, for old wood is dead wood, and that cannot unite.



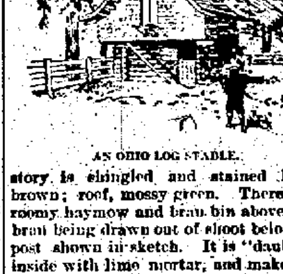
ONE WAY TO SAVE A TREE.

Bands connected by chains have been sometimes used to prevent further separation of a cleft, but these prevent the growth and act like girdling, the final result being the death of the portion above the band.

A Unique Stable.

A contributor to The Country Gentleman gives this illustrated description of an Ohio stable as an example of making good use of common, cheap materials at hand in producing harmonious results:

The log first story is 16 by 16 in clear. The upper story projects 18 inches on each side and 3 feet at the front, giving space for stairway outside. The upper story is shingled and stained light brown; roof, mossy green. There is a roomy haymow and bran bin above, the bran being drawn out of shoot below by post shown in sketch. It is "daubed" inside with lime mortar, and makes an exceedingly comfortable stable for two horses, or three sometimes.



AN OHIO LOG STABLE.

The curve in roof is given by having main rafters end at plate, and short rafters for eaves' projection are then nailed on at less angle. A piece of 1 by 4 across the splice holds all solid, and by cutting off the angle helps round out the curve, which, after sheeting and shingles are on, is as regular as could be desired. Roof is half pitch; eaves and gables project 24 inches. The cost is about $100. No carpenter was allowed on the ground. Logs are not plentiful everywhere. These were some from which the butts had been sold and were only valuable for firewood. Bark is on and creepers planted round. It stands in the edge of a wood.

Muriate of Potash.

It had been observed that crops grown on the experimental plats at the Massachusetts station which had received applications of muriate of potash for a number of years in succession were unhealthy in appearance, and it was suspected that this condition was due to a loss of lime from the soil. Five hundred to 600 pounds per acre of lime "was applied broadcast early in the spring and subsequently plowed under before preparing the soil for manuring and seeding. The succeeding crops of oats looked healthy from the beginning to the end of the season.

The conclusion is reached that a liberal use of muriate of potash should be accompanied by periodical applications of lime, and that it is safer to use this salt on a deep soil with a permeable subsoil than upon a shallow soil with compact subsoil, since in the latter case harmful chlorides are likely to accumulate near the surface to the injury of the roots of the plants.

Parsley In Cold Frames.

Parsley in cold frames, to be kept successfully through the winter, must have the soil thoroughly well banked up around the frames, or probably half rotted leaves and manure would be better. With care as regards covering the sash with shutters, salt hay, or anything handy, to keep out frost, this will answer the purpose—of course giving air every possible chance. We grow in cold frames nearly all our parsley for winter use, but for this purpose seed should be sown some time in July; otherwise the plants are weak.—Cor. American Gardening.

The fifth convention of the national irrigation congress will be held at the city of Phenix, A. T., Dec. 15, 16 and 17.

How to be Handsome.

It is a mistake to suppose that the only way to be good looking is to be born so. Good health has more to do with good looks than anything else—such diseases as constipation, dyspepsia, liver complaint, rheumatism, nervous disorders, etc., not only shorten life, but spoils tempers and looks. Bacon's Celery King for the nerves cures these troubles. A. W. Colegrove, Smethport; C. M. Benson, Colegrove, and S. W. Stickney, Newerf, sell it and will give you a trial package free.

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TRAVELER'S GUIDE.

TIME TABLE.

WESTERN NEW YORK AND PENNSYLVANIA [illegible]

In effect Sept. 6, 1896.

Trains leave Smethport for Larrabee, Eldred, Olean, Bradford, Rochester and Buffalo as follows:

Buffalo Express, daily except Sunday 9:20 a. m.
Buffalo Mail, daily except Sunday, 4:35 p. m.
Train leaving Smethport 4:35 p. m. connects at Olean with River Division for Allegany, Salamanca, Oil City and Pittsburg.

For Clermont, and points south

Clermont Local, daily ex Sunday [illegible] a. m.
Clermont Accom. daily ex Sunday 12:17 p. m.
Clermont Accom. daily ex Sunday [illegible] p. m.
Clermont Local connects through to Johnsonburg.

For Larrabee, Port Allegany, Coudersport and points south:

Mail daily ex Sunday 11:00 a. m.
Mail daily ex Sunday connects at Emporium for Philadelphia 4:50 p. m.

Get Time Tables giving full information from A. E. Wommer, Ticket Agent,
R. Bell, General Sup't,
J. A. FELLOWS, Gen. Pass. & T'k. Ag't,
General offices Mooney-Brisbane Bldg. Cor. Main and Clinton sts., Buffalo N. Y.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

PHILADELPHIA & ERIE DIVISION. In effect Nov. 15, 1896.

TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM JUNCTION

EASTWARD.

[illegible] a. m.—Train [illegible], daily except Sunday, for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations arriving at Philadelphia 6:23 p. m., New York 9:23 p. m., Baltimore 6:00 p. m., Washington 7:15 p. m. Pullman Parlor car through from Williamsport and passenger coaches from Kane to Philadelphia.

3 [illegible] p. m.—Train 6, daily except Sunday, for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 4:30 a. m., New York 7:33 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7:30 a. m.

9 [illegible] p. m.—Train 4, daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations arriving at Philadelphia 6:52 a. m., New York 9:33 a. m., week days (10:38 a. m. Sundays) Baltimore 6:20 a. m., Washington 7:40 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Erie and Williamsport to Philadelphia and passenger cars from Erie to Philadelphia; and Williamsport to Baltimore. Passengers in sleeper for Baltimore and Washington will be transferred into Washington sleeper at Harrisburg.

WESTWARD.

7:35 a. m.—Train 1, daily except Sunday for Ridgway, DuBois Clermont and intermediate stations, leaves Ridgway 3:00 p. m. for Erie.

[illegible] a. m.—Train 3, daily for Erie and intermediate stations.

6:45 p. m.—Train 11 daily except Sunday for Kane and intermediate stations.

THROUGH TRAINS FOR EMPORIUM JUNCTION FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH.

Train 3 leaves Renovo 6:00 a. m., daily except Sunday, arriving at Emporium Jc. 7:35 a. m.

Train 11 leaves Philadelphia 8:30 a. m., Washington 7:50 a. m., Baltimore 8:50 a. m., Wilkesbarre 10:15 a. m., daily except Sunday, arriving at Emporium Junction 4:35 p. m. with Pullman Parlor car from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches to Kane.

Train 3, leaves New York 8:30 p. m., Philadelphia 11:20 p. m., Washington 10:40 p. m., Baltimore 11:20 p. m., daily arriving at Emporium June. 10:25 a. m., with Pullman Palace sleeping cars from Philadelphia to Erie and from Washington and Baltimore to Williamsport, and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie.

JOHNSONBURG RAILROAD.

Daily except Sunday.

NORTH	STATIONS.	SOUTH
A. M. Lv.		Ar. A. M.
9 20	Ridgway	[illegible]
9 35	Johnsonburg	11 07
9 40	Bendigo	11 02
9 50	Glen Hazel	11 52
10 06	Straight	11 19
10 11	Lanpher	11 08
10 18	Smith's Run	10 56
10 27	Woodvale	10 51
10 35	Clermont	[illegible]

Connections are made with train 1, leaving Johnsonburg at 3:27 p. m. for Erie and intermediate points, arriving at Erie at 8:04 p. m. also at Ridgway with train 6, leaving Ridgway at 3:10 p. m. for Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Washington.

S. M. PREVOST, General Manager. J. R. WOOD, Gen'l Passenger Ag't.

Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway

THE SHORT LINE

On and after Aug. 10, 1896, passenger trains between Buffalo, Rochester, Salamanca, Bradford, Ridgway, DuBois, Punxsutawney and the coal and lumber Regions of Pennsylvania will leave Bradford and Mt. Jewett daily except Sunday, as follows:

LEAVE BRADFORD—EAST BOUND.

7:45 a. m.—Buffalo & Rochester Express—For Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden, Buffalo, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy and Rochester.

2:50 p. m.—Mail—For Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden, Buffalo, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy, and Rochester.

4:50 p. m.—Buffalo Express—Daily. For Limestone, Carrollton, Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden and Buffalo.

LEAVE MT. JEWETT—SOUTH BOUND.

8:02 a. m.—Accommodation—For Johnsonburgh, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.

2:00 p. m.—Mail—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.

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For time tables and full information call on or address any of the Company's agents, or

L. R. McINTYRE, Agent Bradford, Pa.
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Gen'l Passenger Agent
Rochester, N Y

BUFFALO & SUSQUEHANNA R. R.

TIME TABLE.

Took effect Monday, June 15th, 1896.

1	3	5	STATIONS.	2	4	6
a m	p m	p m	Ar. Dp.	a m	p m	p m
8:55	2:50	7:19	Keating	9:10	2:35	7:50
8:45	2:02	7:19	Cowley Junc.	9:25	2:52	8:05
8:25	1:50	7:06	Austin	9:40	3:05	8:20
....	1:37	6:53	Costello	9:48	3:13	....
....	1:26	6:48	Wharton	10:00	3:25	....
....	1:17	6:26	Logue	10:09	3:34	....
....	1:0[illegible]	6:27	Hull	10:22	3:47	....
....	12:45	6:10	Cross Fork Jc.	10:45	4:10	....
....	2:07	5:31	Germania	11:24	4:59	....
....	2:06	5:26	Galeton	11:20	4:55	....
....	10:45	4:3[illegible]	[illegible]	2:20	5:40	....
....	10:20	3:50	Ansonia	3:45	6:25	....
....	a m	p m	Dp. Ar.	p m	p m	

a m	a m	p m	Cross Fork Br.	a m	p m	p m
5:30	2:45	4:00	ar Cr F'k Jc dp	10:50	1:00	6:10
8:30	11:35	3:00	dp Cross F'k ar	11:50	2:00	7:10

H. Gutenburg, Train Master. C. W. Goodyear, Gen'l Manager.

COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY Railroad. Time Table takes effect Monday, Nov [illegible] 1896

	READ DOWN.		STATIONS.		READ UP.	
A. M.	A. M.	P. M.		A. M.	P. M.	A. M.
....	7 30	2 10	Ulysses	7 42	2 30	9 50
....	7 21	2 00	Crowell's	7 51	2 40	10 04
....	7 16	1 55	Seckine	7 54	2 45	10 10
....	7 13	1 50	Newfield Junc	7 57	2 50	10 15
....	7 00	1 42	Gold	8 04	2 56	10 31
....	7 05	1 36	Raymond's	8 07	3 00	10 34
....	6 5[illegible]	1 21	Seven Bridge's	8 16	3 1[illegible]	10 5[illegible]
....	6 40	1 20	Colesburg	8 21	3 15	10 55
....	6 30	1 1[illegible]	Frink's	8 2[illegible]	3 22	[illegible]
....	6 30	1 00	[illegible]	8 45	3 40	11 20
3 55	7 55	12 57	Coudersport	8 45	[illegible]	[illegible]
3 49	[illegible]	12 51	Hammond	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
3 43	[illegible]	[illegible]	Fish Basket	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
3 39	7 37	12 46	Olmsted	8 51	8 20	[illegible]
3 31	7 48	12 41	Mina	8 55	3 34	[illegible]
3 25	[illegible]	12 34	Knowlton	[illegible]	3 30	[illegible]
3 21	7 3[illegible]	12 29	Roulette	9 05	3 35	[illegible]
3 12	7 21	12 22	Burtville	9 13	3 43	[illegible]
3 05	[illegible]	1 17	Colemann	[illegible]	3 47	[illegible]
3 [illegible]	7 00	12 12	Port Allegany	9 4[illegible]	6 50	[illegible]
P M	P M	P M	Depart. Arrive	A M	P M	P M

Trains run on eastern standard time.

B. A. McCLURE, Sup't.

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Time Table taking Effect Jan. 1st, 1896.

LEAVE SMETHPORT.

8:10 A. M.—Mail and Express, daily except Sunday, for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane connecting with P. & W. Ry. for Foxburg, Butler and Pittsburg.

10:30 A. M. Daily except Sunday for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane.

5:10 P. M.—Mail and Express, daily except Sunday, for Ormsby Junction, Simpson Bradford, Mt Jewett and Kane connecting at Kane with P. & E. train 4 for Wilcox, Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Emporium, Harrisburg, Baltimore, Washington and Philadelphia—and at Bradford with Erie R. R. trains for Salamanca, Olean Hornellsville, Elmira and New York.

Trains arrive at Smethport daily except Sunday, at 9:25 a. m., 4 p. m. and 6:15 p. m.

JNO. C. McKENNA,
Gen. Pas. Agent.
Bradford, Pa.

ST. MARYS & SOUTHWESTERN R. R.

To take effect at 7 o'clock a.m. Monday, August 17 1896.

South			Stations		North	
1:15	......		Clermont		12:30	......
1:29	......		Clermont Tank		12:25	......
1:46	......		Wildwood		11:57	......
1:58	......		North Fork		11:45	......
2:10	......		Key Fork		11:35	......
2:19	......		Gray Gables		11:29	......
2:30	......	Ar	St. Marys	Lv	11:14	......
2:35	7:40	Lv		Ar	10:55	6:25
2:38	7:43		Kaul		10:50	6:12
2:45	7:50		Dents		10:42	6:00
2:50	7:55		Grall		10:37	5:55
2:57	8:03		Gillen		10:28	5:45
3:02	8:07		Paine		10:25	5:40
3:06	8:11		Centreville		10:20	5:40
3:10	8:15		Dignan Crossing		10:15	5:37
3:18	8:24		Shelvey Summit		10:07	5:20
3:23	8:29		Cunco		9:58	5:14
3:27	8:33		Thompson		9:53	5:10
3:31	8:37		Curry		9:48	5:07
3:37	8:42		Brandy Camp		9:41	5:02
3:40	8:47		Elbon		9:34	5:00
3:54	8:55		Hyde		9:29	4:44
4:05	9:01		Shawmut		9:15	4:35
p m	a.m.				a m	p.m

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